

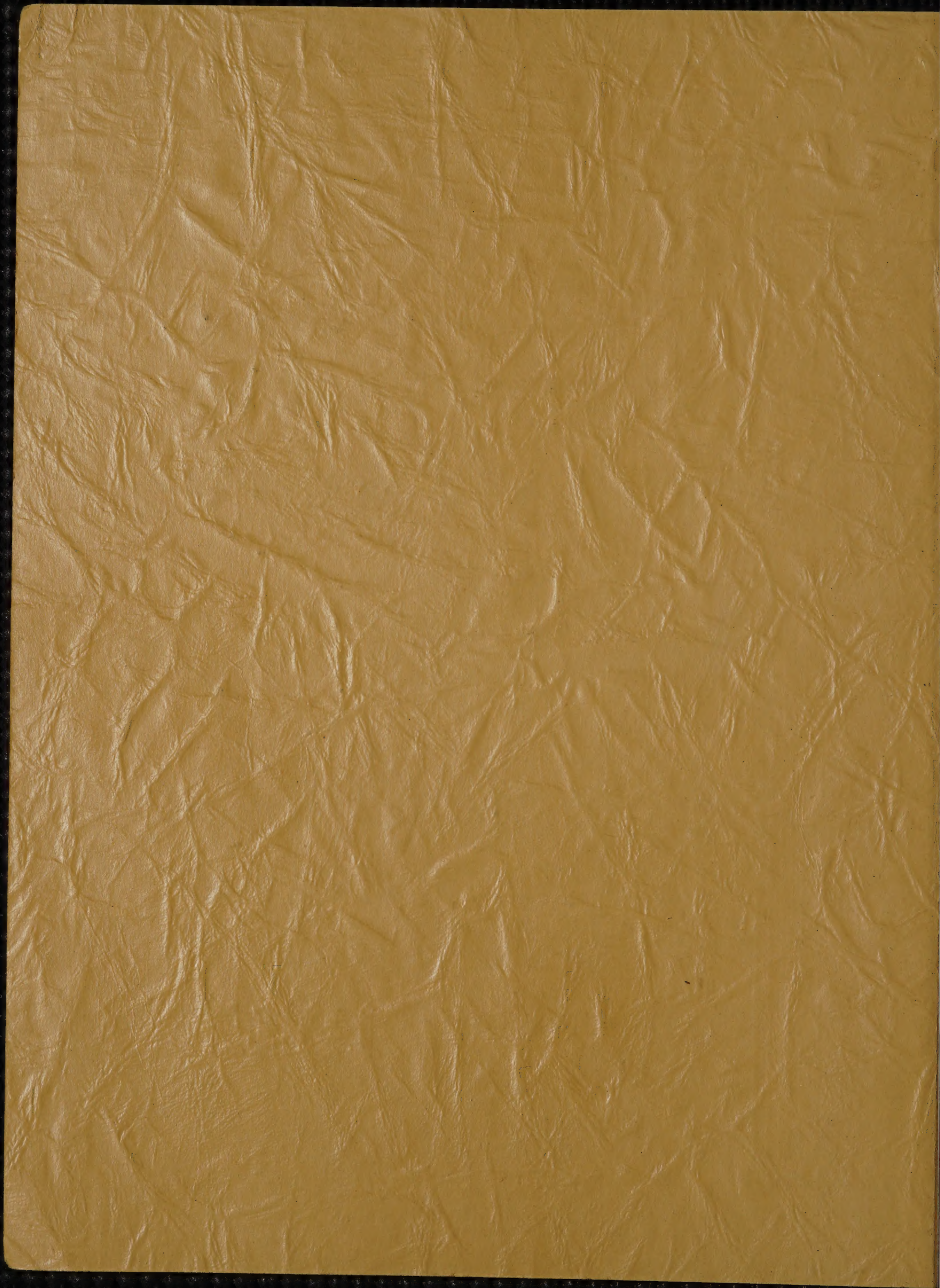
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Youth's a stuff will not endure.

—Twelfth Night, Shakespeare.

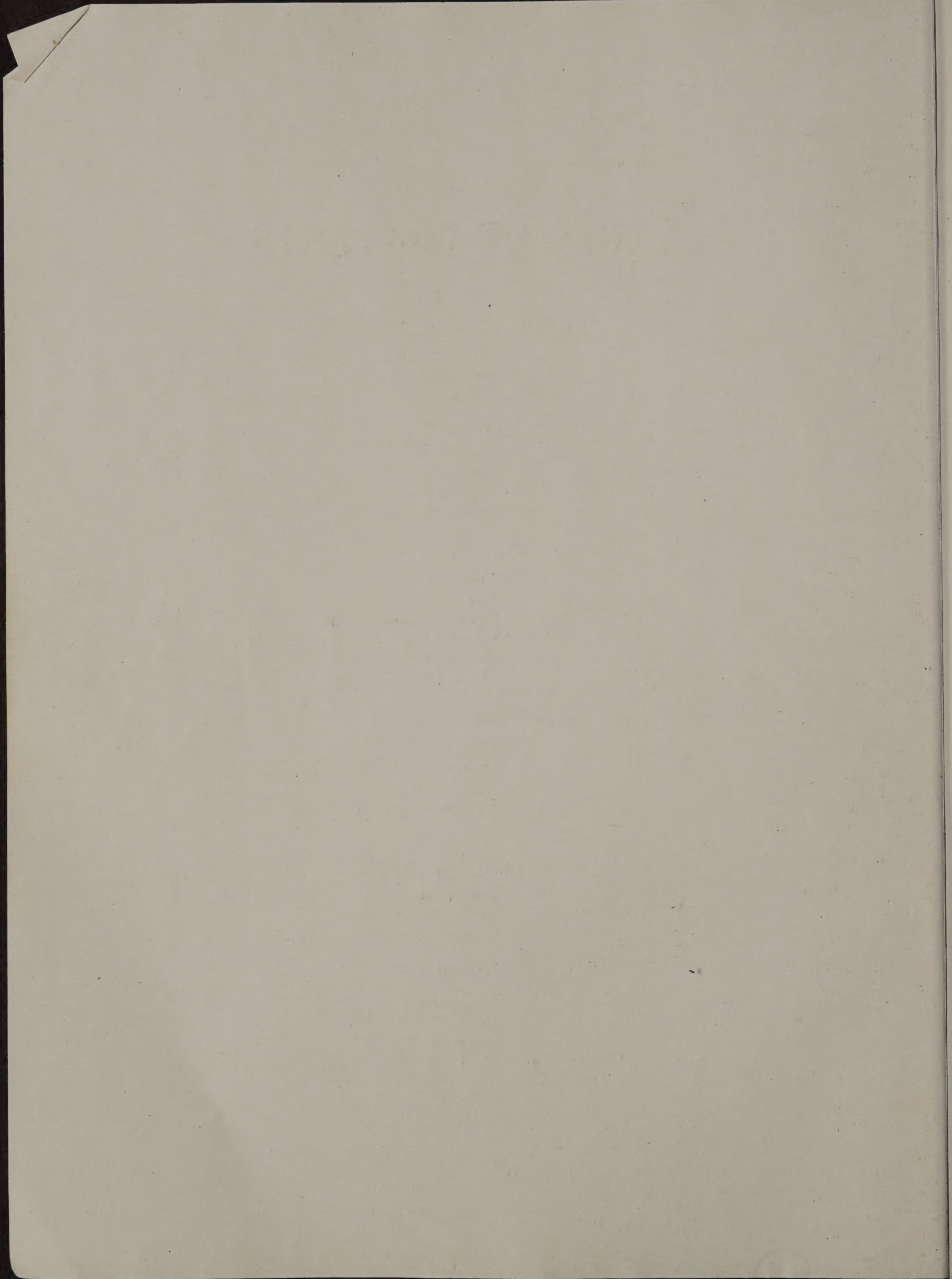


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FOREWORD

As we toil and play within these walls, we sometimes find it hard to believe the oft-repeated admonishment of alumni, "This is the best time of your life." In our hearts, we know this is true in spite of discouragements and failures.

For the future then, when our heightened sense of values will cause us to look back with longing and nostalgia to our high school years, we wish to preserve this record.



MRS. EINER A. HOLM

To you, Mrs. Holm, goes the gratitude of those students, struggling with the intricacies of amoeba, paramecium, and supplementary angles, whom you guided through your classes with energetic skill.

We, the class of 1945, sincerely appreciate your interest in us because we feel it was genuine. Obvious in all our successful enterprises are the effects of your efficiency and traces of your quick wit. We hope in future years that you may be proud to say when reminded of us, "I was the sponsor of the class of 1945."

To you, therefore, we dedicate this Pioneer.

DEDICATION

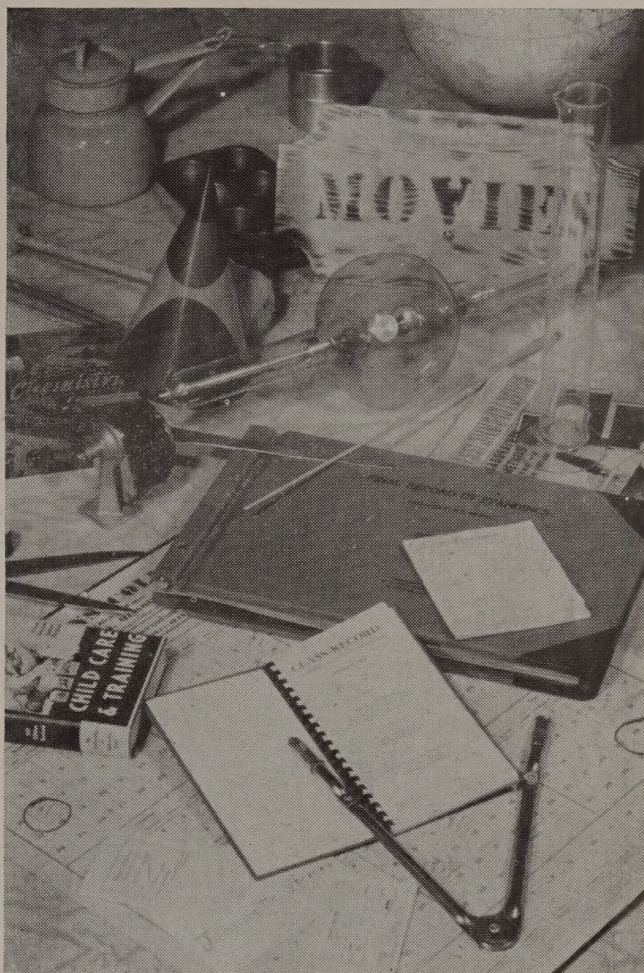


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PIONEER STAFF

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ADMINISTRATION



ROW ONE—Fred Arnst, Fred Scarlett, Halder M. Hansen
 ROW TWO—William Morrison, Ingolf Birkeland, G. C. Schmidt

At the head of the school is a group of seemingly tireless men who, without pay, manage the affairs of the Fort Benton Schools. They are the men who hire the teachers, see that all expenses are provided for, and give the superintendent, Mr. Hess, directions as to how the school is to be run. These men deserve a great deal of praise and credit for their efforts to keep Fort Benton Schools at the present high standard.

The men composing the board are: Fred Arnst, who is completing his third term as chairman; Grover Schmidt, who has been on the board almost continuously for twenty-five years; Ingolf Birkeland, who has been on the board for a number of years, and was chairman of the board the year the old school burned; William Morrison, who is following in his father's footsteps by becoming one of the board's members; and Fred Scarlett, who is just completing his first term of office. Halder M. Hansen is the clerk.

We, the students of the high school, sincerely thank the board for its help in setting us one step further on the ladder of achievement.

SCHOOL BOARD

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:



When this year's work is completed, I hope that each of you may have attained some degree of success in your endeavors during the year.

Success is not affected by adversity or prosperity. Success is a question of the worth of the individual; it is not a question of getting something, but of becoming something. It is determined by the work you do and by the character you build.

The studies and activities of FBHS are of such scope that each of you has had the opportunity to succeed. Success of this nature will have fitted you for the part in life that you are to play.

Adrien L. Hess



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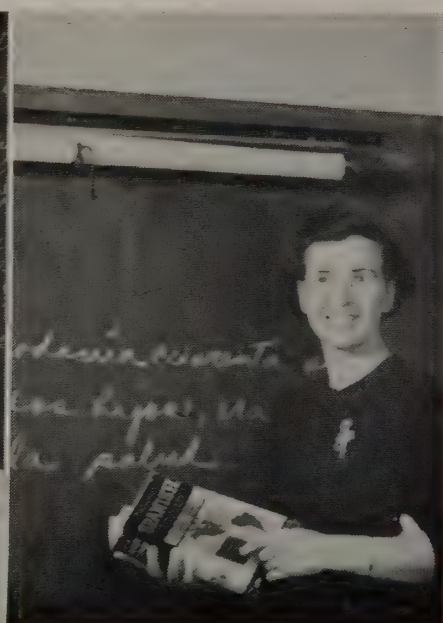
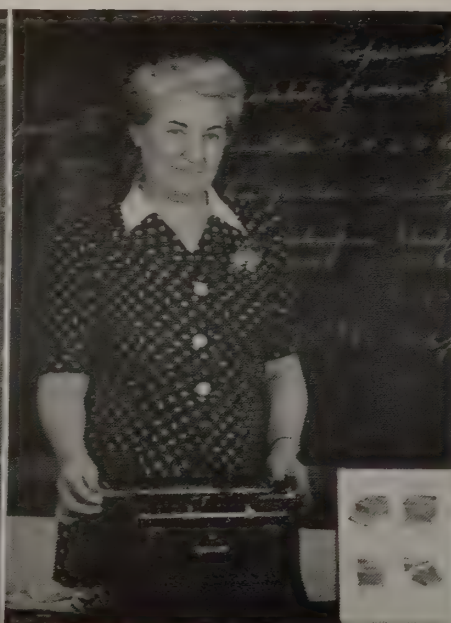


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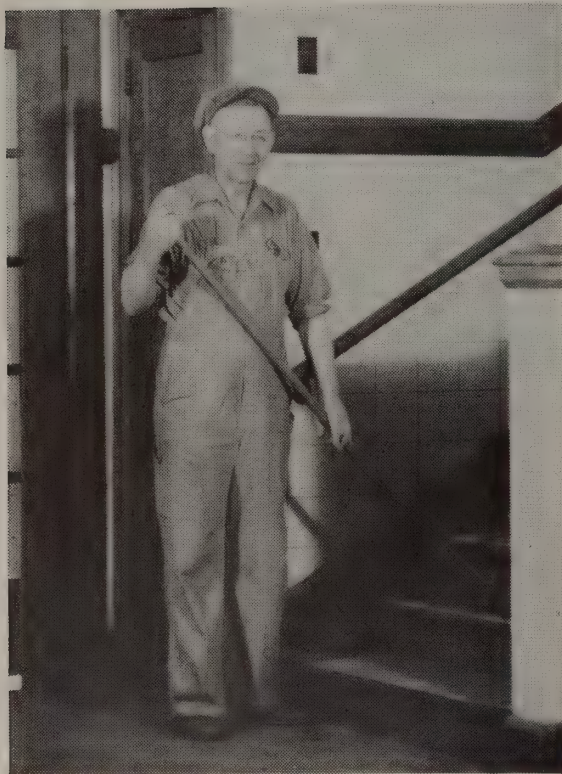
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State Normal College, B. E.

PATRICIA D. BERRY
Home Economics
Montana State College, B. S.



FACULTY



CHARLIE

The men with the brooms and mops in our clean and shining school house are Mr. Dixon Bokovoy and Mr. Charlie Smith. To these men goes the credit for the freshly cleaned blackboards, erasers, and classrooms, and for the black and blue spots received from meeting highly waxed floors too suddenly. Mr. Smith has been with us for several years, and dear to every student's heart is the aroma of Charlie's cigar lingering in the halls of an early morning. Mr. Bokovoy assumed his duties as janitor this year, and is now a familiar sight in the hall with his long-handled brush. Both these men are regarded as good friends by all the student body and teachers, but most often are to be found waiting expectantly outside the door of the home economics department.

THE JANITORS

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CLASSES



RICHARD ARNST

Scientific Course
Vice President 1
Annual Staff 4
Boys' Chorus 2, 4
Mixed Chorus 2
Music Club 2
Band 1, 2
Thespians 4
Speech Class Plays 4
Dance Orchestra 2
State Scholarship Meet 2



BARBARA BIRKELAND

Scientific Course
Secretary-Treasurer 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 3
Music Club 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 2
Band 3, 4
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 3, 4
Quill and Scroll 3, 4
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4



CECELIA BOGNER

Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4



FLORENCE BREAUT

Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 4
Quill and Scroll 4
Music Club 3, 4



JEWELL CALLISON

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Home Economics Club 1



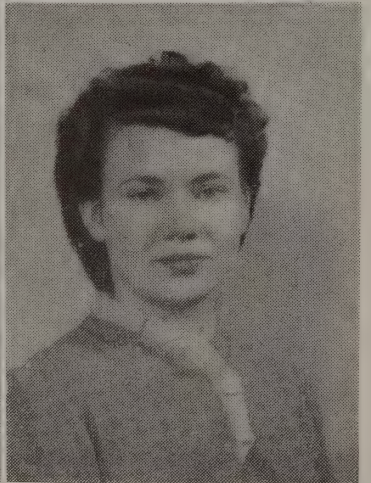
MARIAN CAMPBELL

Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 4
Girls' Chorus 3
Mixed Chorus 3
Music Club 3
Home Economics Club 2
Band 1, 2, 3
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 3, 4
Speech Class Plays 3



DOROTHY LEE DEDMAN

Scientific Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 4
Music Club 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3, 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 4
Speech Class Plays 4
Quill and Scroll 3, 4
Oratory-Debate 4



THERESA DREWISKE

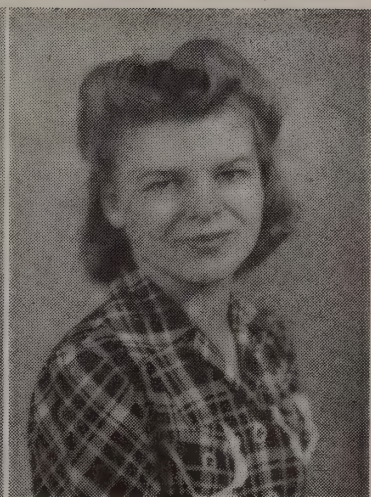
General Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3
Music Club 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 4
Thespians 3, 4
Speech Class Plays 3, 4
Quill and Scroll 4

GERTRUDE ELLIOT

Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 4
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4

EVA ELLIOTT

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Speech Class Plays 3



BARBARA ELLIS

Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 4
Speech Class Plays 4

VIRGINIA LEE GRANGER

Transferred from Bigfork 4
Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 4
Music Club 4
Home Economics Club 1, 3
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
Thespians 4
Speech Class Plays 4
Drum Majorette 4



LUCILLE HANFORD

Scientific Course
President 1, 2
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 3, 4
Quill and Scroll 3, 4
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4
State Scholarship 1, 3
Oratory-Debate 4

LEONARD JOHNSON

Agricultural Course
Cannon Report 3
Football 4
Boys' Chorus 4
Music Club 4
FFA 1, 2, 3
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
B Club 4

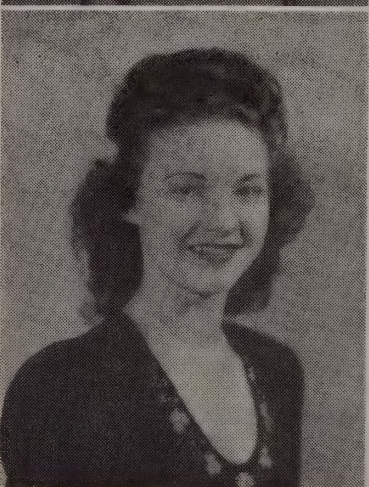


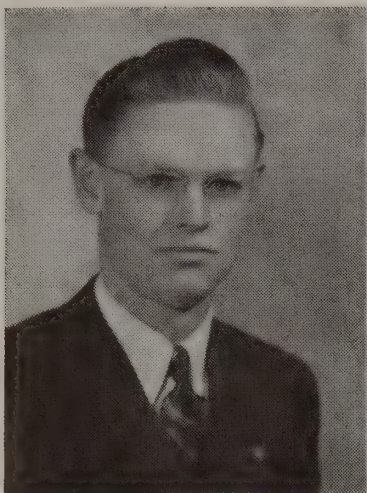
ANN KATZENBERGER

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Girls' Chorus 1
Mixed Chorus 3
Music Club 3
Home Economics Club 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 3, 4
Speech Class Plays 3, 4

LEE KATZENBERGER

President 3, 4
Vice President 1, 2
Mixed Chorus 3
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 3, 4
Speech Class Plays 3
Movie Projector 1, 2, 3, 4
Dance Orchestra 3
State Scholarship 1





DARWIN LENINGTON

Agricultural Course
Annual Staff 4
FFA 2, 3, 4 (president)
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 4



GEORGE LIPPERT

Agricultural Course
FFA 2, 3
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3



NORMA MONTGOMERY

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3
Mixed Chorus 3
Music Club 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 4
Band 3, 4
Pep Band 3, 4



DOROTHIE NELSON

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2
Home Economics Club 1, 4
Quill and Scroll 4
State Scholarship 3



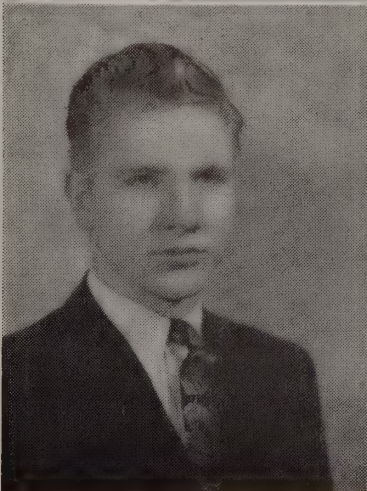
VIRGINIA RATLIFF

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2
Mixed Chorus 2
Home Economics Club 1



LUCILLE SMALL

General Course
Annual Staff 4
Basketball 1, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 4
Speech Class Plays 4



STANLEY SMITH

General Course
Vice President 4
Secretary-Treasurer 3
Annual Staff 4
Basketball 1, 3, 4
Football 3, 4
Boys' Chorus 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3, 4
Band 3, 4
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
B Club 3, 4



JEANNETTE STEVENS

Scientific Course
Secretary-Treasurer 1, 2
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 4
"Doctor Has A Daughter" 4
"Whole Town's Talking" 3
Thespians 4
Quill and Scroll 3, 4
State Scholarship 3
Oratory-Debate 4

JUNE WALKER

Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 3, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2
Home Economics Club 1
Speech Class Plays 3

IRIS WHITEHORN

Transferred from Helena 2
Commercial Course
Annual Staff 4
Cannon Report 4
Pep Club 1
Home Economics Club 1
Quill and Scroll 4
State Scholarship 3



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SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

FRESHMAN YEAR

Seniors of today are the product of four long, grueling years of school at FBHS. They are the same people who, in 1941, entered high school in gunny sacks with an odious onion for a necklace, and with few conceptions of the people they were to become four years later. When they entered school the "frosh" chose from their ranks Lucille Hanford, as president; Lee Katzenberger, vice president; and Jeannette Stevens, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Margaret Holmes as sponsor.

Since there are few specific duties for a freshman class to perform, they decided to undertake the task of writing the school news for the River Press. Although this class was composed mostly of girls, they usually came out on top in all of their undertakings—even when the girls decided to help the boys whitewash the "B" in the spring of their first year. When these enterprising freshmen gave their return dance to the seniors, they outdid themselves by giving a floor show. Thus they came to the end of the first stormy stretch leading to the great day.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

After a few months' vacation in which to prepare for the coming year, they were back as sophomores with most of their members. Either the class was in a rut or else has very outstanding students, for they chose Lucille Hanford, Lee Katzenberger, and Jeannette Stevens for class officers again, with Miss Jeannette Jensen for sponsor. After giving their class party, the "sophs" sponsored several snake dances to try to liven up school spirit. Although the sophomores were trying to be active in their second year at FBHS perhaps they over did it a little, because they had three sponsors. After Miss Jensen resigned at Christmas, Miss Margaret Holmes served until she resigned in February. Mrs. Kathleen Holm then agreed to guide them for the rest of the year.

JUNIOR YEAR

At last they entered school as upper classmen when, in the fall, they became juniors. The juniors elected different officers for this year—Lee Katzenberger, as president; James White, vice president; and Robert Anderson for secretary-treasurer until the end of the semester when he became a senior. Stanley Smith took Bob's place. Miss Gordon Eckford (Sullivan) was chosen for sponsor, and when she resigned at Christmas Miss Florence Jensen became the new advisor.

This year for the first time they took an active part in student affairs. Many clubs and organizations such as Thespians, Quill and Scroll, and the Cannon Report were open to their membership. It was a time when they were expected to use their own initiative, and these students showed what they could do when they put on their class play, "The Whole Town's Talking", which brought some much-needed "moola" into their treasury so that they could put on a prom in the spring. The theme for the Junior Prom of 1944 was "A Garden of Memories". Lattices of twining flowers, huge butterflies, gay streamers, and a picturesque backdrop were features of the decorations. Wilma Blackwood was crowned queen, with Dorothy Dedman, Emogene Anderson, and Phyllis Birkeland as attendants from the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes respectively.

SENIOR YEAR

Entering their last year of high school, there were many of the original members of the class gone. For their final year in high school the seniors chose Lee Katzenberger, for president; Stanley Smith, vice president; and Barbara Birkeland, secretary-treasurer; with Mrs. Kathleen Holm as sponsor. Soon after their class was organized, the seniors had their traditional fling of power when they paddled the freshmen into the society of FBHS, followed by a party given for the freshmen.

After initiation had subsided, the seniors gave their class play, "The Doctor Has a Daughter," with a dance afterwards. This activity brought large profits to the treasury of the class, but only a fraction of the amount needed for the hoped-for annual. Following a great amount of budgeting on behalf of Mrs. Holm, it was decided that this class would be able to support an annual and the staff was selected by Mrs. Holm, with Lucille Hanford as editor. After the annual was underway Mr. Umphress from Great Falls took pictures for the Pioneer which included groups, ping-pongs, and senior portraits.

On April 20, the seniors were again showing their dominating spirit to freshmen. This time it was only the boys, however, when it came time to whitewash the "B". After the freshmen had put the "B" in glowing order, the freshmen girls fed the ravenous crowd. The day when seniors "do up" the school and town came on May 4, when they took their customary day off from school, and went sneaking away for some solitude. At baccalaureate on May 22, Dr. James Donovan was the speaker. Dr. H. G. Klemme from Montana State College gave the address at the Commencement exercises held at 8:00 on May 24. The subject for his address was "Youth in a World of Change." The seniors went forth from the high school Thursday night, feeling both glad, and sad, that they were no longer seniors, but were alumni of FBHS.

CLASS PROPHECY

Fort Benton, Montana
September 10, 1970

(Buck) Pvt. STANLEY SMITH
Army of Occupation
Berlin, Germany
My beloved husband,

I'm taking time out from fixing your seven loving children's lunch. I simply must tell you about the new schoolhouse, and what goes on there. As you know, the old one burned down when Professor "Brother" Hess threw a bottle of nitroglycerine at our precious Junior, when all he was doing was throwing beebees at VIRGINIA G. HUFFMAN'S little girl, Donna.

Today, Miss Young is all a-twitter because the famous coloratura, FLORENCE BREAUULT, is going to sing her famous aria to commemorate her first music teacher's fiftieth birthday.

The daughter of the former CECELIA BOGNER last night eloped with the son of Mrs. John Hodiak nee JEWELL CALLISON. The two ladies were so shocked they went into retirement.

Poor little Trudy Oakland lost her mother last week. The former GERTRUDE ELLIOT was killed when her car over-turned on her weekly excursion to see her physician. She was greatly disappointed because she planned to die of neuralgia. Another tragedy occurred this week when DARWIN LENINGTON disappeared while walking through his million dollar wheatfield. His wife, EVA ELLIOTT, has given him up for lost. She states she will carry on, just the same, with the help of the Smith-Hughes department.

To get back to the school, the dramatic coach, THERESA DREWISKE, tripped over her tongue while arguing with GEORGE LIPPERT, III in Speech Class. (You know Theresa took over Mildred Lucille's position, so that estimable lady can write true stories for pulp magazines). GEORGE, JR. and his wife the former LUCILLE HANFORD have taken over the job of managing and editing the "River Press." Since our stagnant little town has grown into a small metropolis, they have decided to change the name to "The Running River Press."

The gay divorcee, BARBARA BIRKELAND, has taken her son Tommy Manville Jr. out of school to help figure out her income tax. She is now a multimillionaire due to the alimony received from her five ex-husbands.

DICK ARNST, JR. strained his brain while trying to find a comfortable reclining position in class—a position in which he could absorb the least knowledge. He is SO much like his father!

MISS IRIS WHITEHORN, who holds the world speed record in typing, has replaced Esther Schmidt in the commercial department. Mrs. Schmidt was assassinated while lashing her students on to 150 words a minute in shorthand. The assassin was the former DOROTHY DEDMAN'S daughter. (Dorothy was voted the Ideal Mother of the Year. Her 21 children stuffed the ballot box.)

LEE KATZENBERGER had a change of heart since his son, Andy, learned how to play basketball, and decided to become coach. He demands that the team come to school at least once a week.

DOROTHIE NELSON driver of the three school buses (two are driven by remote control), drove off the bridge and fractured a toenail.

Miss MARIAN CAMPBELL said no just once too often, and now she is running a dormitory for the children of her former classmates. She has quite a houseful as JUNE WALKER ROBERTSON has sent her three sets of triplets to live there.

Dear, you remember BARBARA ELLIS don't you? She was that tall blonde with the long legs; well, she has gone into the movies. She plays in musical comedies, and because of her resemblance to Charlotte Greenwood, she has adopted that name.

VIRGINIA RATLIFF, who has just completed a non-stop foot race across the United States will give a speech in our new auditorium this Friday evening. Her topic will be "The Human Body in Perpetual Motion."

I received a letter from LUCILLE SMALL. She said she had just finished drilling her 100th oil well. It turned out to be only an artesian well just like all of the preceding ones. She also stated that SKIP JOHNSON was fined for bigamy in Texas. He said he didn't know why, as he hadn't married any of them.

NORMA (MONTGOMERY) ARCHER is down in the Fiji Islands with her husband, teaching the natives the art of giggling without moving the facial muscles.

I just heard of the tragic accident that happened to our old schoolmate JEANNETTE STEVENS. She was strangled by her golden locks while trying to set a new speed record for combing her hair.

The soup just boiled over so I'll have to close.

Your loving wife,

ANN (KATZENBERGER)

SENIOR WILL

Last Will and Testament, of the Senior Class, of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five, of the Fort Benton High School, of the City of Fort Benton, of the State of Montana.

We, the senior class of 1945—after four years of pretending to be of sound mind, do hereby make and publish this, our last will and testament.

To the superintendent and faculty we leave peace of mind after our departure, hoping they won't find next year's seniors as bad as we were.

To future classes we leave ALL our brains, magnetic personalities, and trouble-making ability.

DICK ARNST wills his great love of hard work to Bob Murray. You can start on a vacation any time now, Bob.

BARBARA BIRKELAND wills her ability to blush to the United States Army Camouflage Division. "If ever you are in danger," she instructs the soldiers, "just try my patented Birkeland blush. The enemy will mistake you for a beet."

CECELIA BOGNER says she'd like to leave her hair ribbons to Miriam Gessaman who may use them for a beau-catcher. (Ooh! The pun was unintentional.)

FLORENCE BREAUULT wills her energy to next year's freshmen. It's a good thing to have when a mean-looking senior starts after you with a paddle.

JEWELL CALLISON leaves her shy smile to Arnie Campbell. For directions on how to use it to best advantage, see Jewell, Arnie.

MARIAN CAMPBELL has decided to take leave of her Scotch habits long enough to endow her hair-cutting ability to anyone who wants adventure. Marian will not take the responsibility for ruined coiffures, however.

DOROTHY DEDMAN doesn't want to appear unsophisticated when she goes to college, so she has left her innocence to Katie Rowe until the Morrow. It looks divine on Katie, too.

THERESA DREWISKE wills her big blue blinkers to Charles Bradley. If you could wow the girls with those brown eyes, Chuck, think what you could do with Theresa's blue ones—lashes included.

EVA ELLIOTT wills her laugh to anyone who enjoys funny movies as much as she does, with the advice that a good hearty laugh is as much exercise as walking to the depot.

GERTRUDE ELLIOT regretfully leaves her rag curlers and mail order Don Juans to the blushing maids of future class plays. May you get as many laughs, girls.

BARBARA ELLIS wills her ability to eat without being bothered by calories to Maxine Anderson. She advises Maxine that a good way to arouse the envy of other girls is to consume three milk shakes in a row without gaining an ounce.

VIRGINIA GRANGER wills her faithfulness to Mary Ellen Ennis—one blonde to another—with the hope that she will never have to Chuck her romance overboard.

LUCILLE HANFORD leaves her silly streaks to Olive Lane. Says Lucille, "It is indeed refreshing to occasionally let yourself go—nuts. Of course it takes moral stamina to withstand the 'get the straight-jacket' glances of your friends, but it's worth it."

LEONARD JOHNSON wills his address book to John Hankins. He feels that this way he won't be giving away any secrets because Johnny has all the addresses already.

ANN KATZENBERGER wills her technique with the local boys to Betty Breiter, in exchange for HER technique with St. Mary's. No infringement on the patents of said techniques will be tolerated.

LEE KATZENBERGER wills his stature to Jim Granger with the assurance that it will really "make him come up in the world"—in more ways than one.

DARWIN LENINGTON wills his timid gait to Franklin Elliott. He won't need it anymore, as he fell into a thrasher and came out a little "chaffed."

GEORGE LIPPERT wills all his cowboy songs, yodels, boots and saddle, et cetera to Don Huffman. George is an unselfish creature, and he felt that Don needed them more than he did.

NORMA MONTGOMERY leaves her angelic looks to the U. S. History Class. She's just gone to the coast to launch the U. S. S. Donny and Ronny—with a bottle of bee-bees.

DOROTHIE NELSON is willing her ability to do shorthand to next year's shorthand II class. Says she, "This is the best I can do; you'll have to get the answer book from other sources."

VIRGINIA RATLIFF wills her cooperativeness and friendliness to Clay Fisher, who is already a perfect student. Virginia bestows this favor in gratitude for the paper lent her by Clay during chemistry period.

LUCILLE SMALL trades her raven locks with Evelyn Beecher, because gentlemen prefer blondes. "Hey," says Evelyn, "What's the percentage?" Lucille replies only with a Mona Lisa smile.

STANLEY SMITH wills his sense of color harmony to Charles Stewart. States this renowned fashion expert, "You will realize all is not what meets the eye, and if you get a headache from looking at my color combinations, the truth is that it's so beautiful it hurts."

JEANNETTE STEVENS, the generous soul, has left her chem workbook, physics workbook, English workbooks, and other worthy documents to her brother Ambrose, with permission to rent them out at a nominal fee. This way, Junior, you can work your way through high school.

JUNE WALKER wills her artistic ability to Caroline Postill, and hopes she will be able to dig up a few more assistants. She also leaves her sneeze to the dramatic department for sound effects.

IRIS WHITEHORN wills part of her ambitiousness to Ralph Guy, but hopes he won't find as many people to take advantage of it. She needs the rest of it to start her cattle-ranch.

NAME	NICK NAME	HOBBY	FAVORITE SAYING
Richard Arnst	Dick	a "33" Ford	Gentlemen
Barbara Birkeland	Birke	Constructive thinking	Oh! Stupid
Cecelia Bogner	Cece	Collecting snapshots	Jeepers
Florence Breault	Flossie	Collecting	Oh, Fudge
Jewell Callison	Judy	Loma	Uh-huh
Marian Campbell	Murph	Reading	Hallelujah
Dorothy Dedman	Corpse	Sewing	No, I won't do it
Theresa Drewiske	Tess	Writing letters	Ye! Gods
Gertrude Elliot	Gert	Sewing and Cooking	Oh, maybe
Eva Elliott		Writing letters for family morale	Are you kidding?
Barbara Ellis	Barb	Going on picnics	If that wouldn't spook you
Virginia Granger	Va	Seeing Donald	You old farmer
Lucille Hanford	Butch	Arguing	Oh, Honestly
Leonard Johnson	Skip	Airplanes	What's cookin', Good Lookin'?
Ann Katzenberger	Kit	Collecting pictures of M. Stars	I've got to go in now
Lee Katzenberger	Katz	Burning out clutches	Oh-o-o (Nothun')
Darwin Lenington	Goosebill Kid	Farming	To heck with you
George Lippert		Riding horses	Phooey
Norma Montgomery	Monty	Collecting wild flowers	Hey, wait for baby
Dorothie Nelson		Collecting China dogs	Pineapples and ice cream
Virginia Ratliff		Collecting souvenirs	Oh, Gee
Lucille Small	Lucy	Collecting souvenirs	Jeepers
Stanley Smith	Smitty	Collecting pin-ups and stars	Fudge
Jeannette Stevens	Steve	Sewing	What is this world coming to?
June Walker		Drawing	Hey
Iris Whitehorn	Ike	Collecting horse figures	My Gosh

SENIOR

PASTIME	THINKING OF	AMBITION
Talking	Women	Doctor
Sleeping	The future	To travel
Reading	Living in a peaceful world	Travel in all the countries of the world
Dreaming	Anything to create mischief	To study music
Bookkeeping	Vacation	To join the Cadet Nurses Corps
Working at the bank	Nothing in particular	To learn to fly
Daydreaming	The future	To get married and have six children
Fooing around	A little bit of everything	Military secret
Aching	Anything that requires it	To be a good cook
Visiting and reading	Family reunion after the war	To travel
Eating	Getting out of school	Haven't any
Guess	Cowboys	To go back to Flathead Valley
Counting the boys in the senior class	How to get out of work	To get 10 hours sleep
Girls	Corny jokes	Be a millionaire
Dancing	Good times at Highwood and Carter	Never grow too old to jitterbug
Waiting for the buzzer	Emogene	Professional loafer
Thinking	Mary Lou	Have a good place to live
Yodeling	Women	Doesn't have any
Talking	School, of course	To fly
Collecting his pictures	It's a military secret	To change my name
Baking or reading	That would be telling	Cadet Nurse
Going to shows	Graduation	To find a man
Loafing	Most anything	To be a pilot
Wishing	What to have for supper	Be Van Johnson's press agent
Sewing	Future	Designer
Riding horseback	Vacation	Run a cattle ranch

GLIMPSES



ROW ONE—Fay Allard, Emogene Anderson, Bernard Bach, Evelyn Beecher, Charles Behrens, Therese Bogner, Charles Bradley, Donald Bramlette

ROW TWO—Marjorie Burress, Bernice Cooper, Lester De Bruin, Clay Fisher, Miriam Gessaman, Ralph Guy, Junior Hankins, John Hankins

ROW THREE—Dan Hazen, Donald Huffman, Rolly Hyatt, Shirley Klay, Jack Lepley, Jean Lundy, Gladys Mayo, Beryl Morrow

ROW FOUR—Edwin McCafferty, Steve McSweeney, Helen Nelson, Donald Pogreba, Caroline Postill, Katherine Rowe, Ernest Schultz, Kenneth Scott

ROW FIVE—Shirley Spear, Charles Stewart, Calvin Taylor, Betty Terry, Dolores Tope, Patty Uhl, Guy Willson, Miss Verna Young

NOT PICTURED—Donald Archer and Raymond York (In Armed Forces)

JUNIORS

JUNIOR PROM

The Junior Prom Committee of five, with Chairman Lester De Bruin chose for this year's theme, "Springtime in the Mountains." The cool, fragrant effect of the mountains was achieved by a blue sky with white clouds scattered through it. Pine boughs decorated the sides and formed an archway at the door. Paper which the juniors had spent many hours rolling from the 1944 prom enhanced the appearance of the gymnasium. Bob Nelson's orchestra which played for the prom was framed by a huge snow capped mountain which covered the end of the gym. As the dancers entered the ball-room on April 27th, they were given programs which carried out the theme.

The class chose a Queen who was crowned and enthroned as the climax of the evening. Wartime restrictions on sugar and canned juices made it impossible to serve punch, and the dancing was from 8:00 to 12:00 with no intermission as a result of the national midnight curfew. However, restrictions or not, the juniors justly felt that their prom was the climax to three years of successful dances.

JUNIOR PLAY

On April 6, after several weeks of strenuous rehearsing, the promising actors of the junior class presented the smash Broadway hit, "Best Foot Forward," a farce written by John Cecil Holm, and directed by Miss Mildred Glover.

The plot of the play is as follows: The boys of Winsocki High are making frenzied preparations to receive the girls coming up for the big annual dance. In the midst of crackling lines and humorous discussion of dates comes Bud Hooper (Jack Lepley) who is very gloomy. His roommates, Dutch Miller and Hunk Hoyt (Charles Behrens and Dean Fisher), finally find out the trouble. A month ago when they went to see a movie starring Gale Joy—the wham girl—(Marjorie Burress) trouble started. Bud got carried away and he wrote to the movie star, asking her to come to the prom. And she accepts! (They don't know how badly she needs a publicity break!)

Bud has hastily written his regular date, Helen (Caroline Postill) that he has an attack of grippe and he expects to have it until after the dance. But, so that the faculty won't get angry, Bud tries to take the publicity-needing Gale Joy to the dance as his girl Helen—and then Helen arrives! Bud gets deeper and deeper into trouble, and the final happy solution that saves Bud from being expelled is Gale's idea of having her picture taken with Doctor Reeber, the principal of the school who hates students (Lester De Bruin). Publication of the picture in a New York paper causes Doctor Reeber to reverse his decision regarding Bud.

Other characters in the play are the cynical Blind Date (Bernice Cooper); Ethel and Minerva (Dolores Tope and Emogene Anderson); "Chuck" Green and "Satchel" Moyer (Donald Pogreba and Ernest Schultz); Professor Lloyd (Charles Stewart); Miss Smith, the chaperone, (Helen Nelson); Chester (Edwin McCafferty), the photographer, out for revenge against "Doc" Reeber, because the principal had once flunked him in English IV; the old Grad, (Steve McSweeney) up for the football game and the class dinner; Miss Delaware Water Gap (Jean Lundy); and Jack Haggerty (Charles Bradley) who is Gale Joy's manager. Miriam Gessaman was promoter for rehearsals.

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

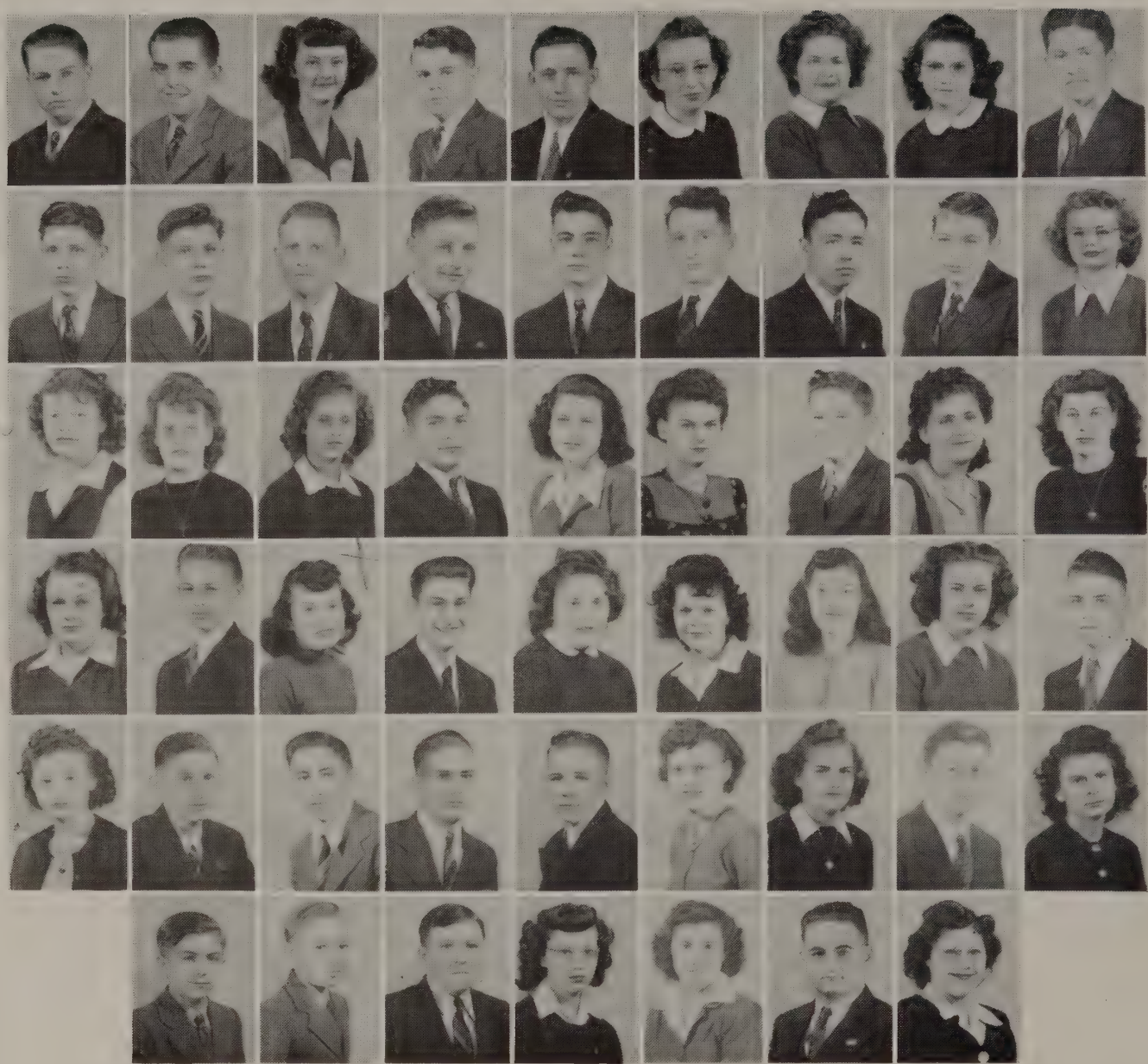
Tasting the heady wine of being upper-classmen, last year's sophomores entered as juniors and a new member of the class, Kenneth Scott, was elected president; Charles Behrens, vice president; and Caroline Postill, secretary-treasurer. Miss Young was again elected sponsor.

During Thanksgiving vacation the town brought out plaid shirts and jeans to put the Junior Barn Dance over in a big way. The refreshment committee served a keg of cider to all dudes in the setting of a corral. The gym with lights low, hay and straw banked around the orchestra and in the corners, and numerous saddles and milk pails provided an appropriate setting for the affair.

In January the class held a supper party with dancing and singing afterward. This was a farewell party for Mary Lou Cooper who moved to Great Falls. The boys planned and served the supper which they also furnished.

The president, Kenneth Scott, dropped school in March, and after due consideration, Charles Behrens became president; and Charles Stewart, vice president.

The juniors lost several boys to the service forces including Donald Archer and Raymond York. Dick Arnst gained enough credits to become a senior.



ROW ONE—William Albers, Lloyd Allen, Maxine Anderson, Melvin Batchelor, Bernard Billups, Phyllis Birkeland, Jackie Bramlette, Patsy Callison, Kenneth Clark

ROW TWO—Wayne Crawford, Wesley Crawford, Robert Deck, John Deck, Earl Dedman, Bob Doll, Franklin Elliott, James Elliot, Mary Ellen Ennis.

ROW THREE—Bernita Flatt, Lily Foucher, Altha Frieling, George Frieling, Margaret Frieling, Marjorie Frieling, James Granger, Ruth Guy, Bertie June Hankins

ROW FOUR—Margaret Heinen, Edward Hoeffner, Voncile Hudelson, Robert Kelley, Vanita King, Jean Kingsland, Olive Lane, Marjorie Laulo, Howard Le Furgey

ROW FIVE—Genevieve Lenington, Lyle McKeever, Robert Murray, George Nottingham, John Rowe, Selma Schultz, Naomi Seright, Chris Small, Phyllis Smith

ROW SIX—Leonard Spear, Otto Stevens, Robert Taylor, Betty Lou Vinion, Doris Willson, Thomas Wood, Miss Patricia Berry

NOT PICTURED—Vincent Bogner (In Armed Forces), Lawrence Granger, Paul Jones, Louis Schumacher

SOPHOMORES

SOPHOMORE HISTORY

To begin a new year the sophomore class elected as officers: Otto Stevens, president; Bob Kelley, vice president; and Doris Willson, secretary-treasurer. Miss Patricia Berry was chosen class sponsor.

Sophomores do not have many activities, traditionally, because they are in an "in-between" stage. That is, without the novelty of being new, as are freshmen, and without the activities that juniors and seniors enjoy.

In grade school this class got a head start on money matters and are now well-fixed as to a treasury. During their freshman year they held a return party for the seniors, and the freshmen boys whitewashed the "B", after which the girls served lunch to the workers.

This year the sophomores held their annual party, "A Superstitious Dance," on April 13. The high school "gym" was decorated with the traditional ladders, horseshoes, broken mirrors and black cats. Music was furnished by a high school orchestra. The public was invited, and dancing lasted from 8:00 to 12:00.

On April 11, the "sophs" went on a picnic to Shonkin. They left after school and were transported there in trucks furnished by class members.

Three sophomores were on the football team, and three sophomores numbered in the first five on the "A" basketball squad. One was manager of football and basketball, and one was a cheerleader.



COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Probably one of the most hard-working departments in school is the commercial department, whose handiwork is evidenced at all plays, banquets, and concerts given by the school. Completely unrelated to the school paper or other clubs, the typists, artists, and mimeographers under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Schmidt work many long weary hours to get programs, menus, and posters out before the deadline. Often, the requests for programs, et cetera, are sent in at the last moment, or when the department is already working at full speed to help put out the school paper. Although commercial students and their teacher sometimes consider theirs a thankless task, the entire school appreciates their patience and tireless cooperation.



ROW ONE—Raymond Allard, James Arnst, Abbie Mae Bailey, Burton Batchelor, Wayne Bradley, Betty Breiter, Arnold Campbell, Evelyn Charters

ROW TWO—Bradley Clark, Elna Cooper, Mervin Cooper, Richard Craig, Elsie Dedman, Dorothy Elliot, Charles Embleton, Margaret Farrington

ROW THREE—Robert Fisher, Harry Foucher, Walter Jackson, Evelyn Johnson, John Jones, Robert Klay, Harold LeMond, Rita Loundagin

ROW FOUR—Clara Ludeman, Jere McCaulay, Archie Meeks, Ina May Milledge, Donald Morger, Henrietta Murray, Janis Nelson, Ruth Ratliff

ROW FIVE—Mardelle Rowe, Robert Scott, Vera Smith, Edith Stallcup, Donald Stashi, Patty Stewart

ROW SIX—Kathleen Walker, Arthur Wolfe, Miss Irene Breault

NOT PICTURED—Donald Scott

FRESHMEN

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

The freshman year 1944-45 started as it always does with a great deal of confusion—the usual lost souls going in the wrong door, the new students getting used to study hall procedures, and finally the formal initiation. Gunny sack skirts, pin curls, bright bows, and a surplus amount of make up were worn by the boys. The girls sported voluminous flour sack trousers, gunny sack blouses, straight hair, loggers, and no make up. After the heat of initiation had cooled down, the freshmen had a return party for the seniors.

Arnold Campbell was elected president of the class; Betty Breiter, vice president; Janis Nelson, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Irene Breault, sponsor. Many of the boys took part in athletics; one freshman was on the first ten of basketball. A freshman girl was a cheerleader, and another freshman was one of the beauty queens at the Bond Carnival.

In the spring the annual whitewashing of the "B" was done by the freshmen boys, supervised by the seniors, and a delicious lunch was provided by the freshmen girls. This brought to a climax a year of indoctrination for the frosh.



OUR PHOTOGRAPHER

Perhaps the most important part of any annual is the picture section—group, ping-pong, and portrait—which lends personality, variety, and vividness to an otherwise lifeless yearbook. The man who has been our photographer for a number of years is Mr. Umphress of Black Eagle, who annually travels to Fort Benton to record on film the beaming faces of our students and faculty. A great deal of patience is required to arrange some fifteen large groups of restless teen-agers, who always manage to blink at the crucial moment, or perform some other nerve-taxing feat. This year Mr. Umphress handled the senior portraits as well as all other photography. To him we extend our thanks for his untiring effort and his many valuable suggestions.



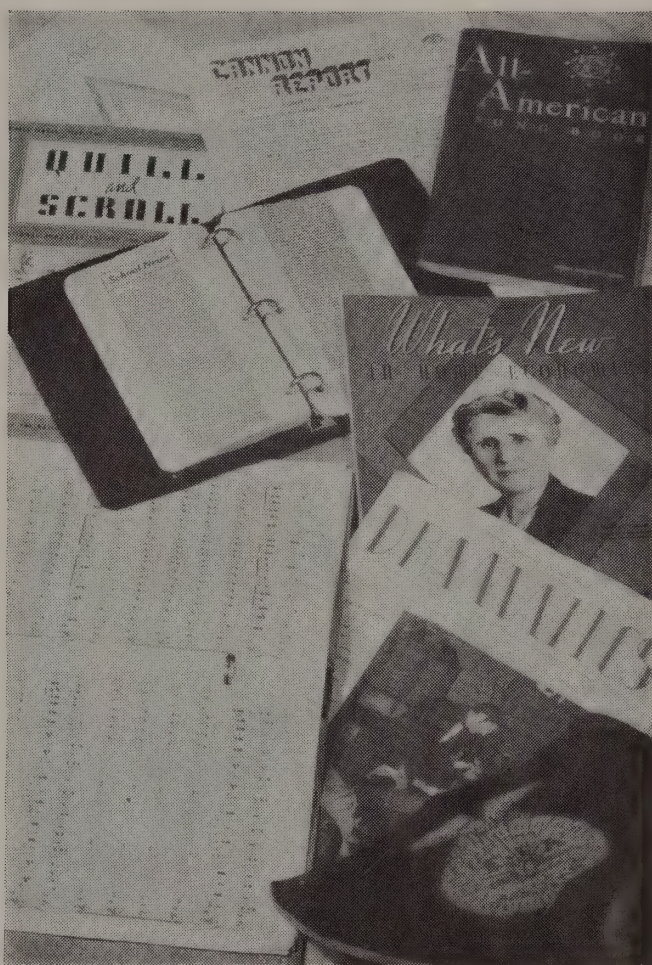
OUR PUBLISHERS

The home of the FBHS Pioneer is the River Press office. Here, with a crude dummy from the annual staff, our friends and publishers, Mr. Joel Overholser and Miss Nora Harber, work out the complicated task of setting up the final form for the Pioneer. These people cheerfully put up with the inexperience and indecision of high school students. Besides handling the annual, announcements, and personal cards of the seniors, they print tickets for plays, programs for prom, commencement, et cetera, always doing their utmost to carry out the students' ideas.

The River Press gives the school free publicity for plays, operettas, and concerts and prints the weekly schoolnotes. For a sense of humor, co-operativeness, and a genuine interest in the school, we thank Mr. Joel Overholser and Miss Nora Harber.



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ORGANIZATIONS



FRONT ROW—Lee Katzenberger, Jeannette Stevens, Lucille Hanford, Virginia Granger, Ann Katzenberger, Richard Arnst

BACK ROW—Florence Breault, Theresa Drewiske, Barbara Birkeland, Miss Mildred Glover, Barbara Ellis, Dorothy Dedman, Marian Campbell

"All the world's a stage," almost literally, as well as figuratively, to students who have acquired the necessary points for membership in the National Thespian Troupe No. 195 of FBHS. "Act well your part, there all the honor lies," motto of the National Thespian Honor Dramatic Society for high schools, aptly sets forth the aim of students appearing in the class plays and one-act plays during the past year. Not only acceptable rendition of lines, but also any work connected with staging a play entitles a student to membership in Thespians.

Starting the fall term as Thespians were: Barbara Birkeland, Marian Campbell, Theresa Drewiske, George Lippert, Lucille Hanford, Ann Katzenberger, and Lee Katzenberger.

Officers elected were Ann Katzenberger, president; Barbara Birkeland, vice president; and Lee Katzenberger, secretary-treasurer. Miss Mildred Glover was sponsor.

After the senior play, "The Doctor Has a Daughter," the following seniors were eligible for membership: Florence Breault, Dorothy Dedman, Barbara Ellis, Virginia Granger, and Jeannette Stevens. Informal initiation for the girls was held at the home of Barbara Birkeland on Tuesday evening, January 23, 1945.

Following the speech class plays, March 2, these members were initiated: Emogene Anderson, Richard Arnst, and Donald Huffman.

Spring initiation included the following promising young actors and actresses from the junior class which presented the three-act comedy, "Best Foot Forward": Charles Behrens, Charles Bradley, Marjorie Burress, Lester De Bruin, Clay Fisher, John Hankins, Jack Lepley, Donald Pogreba, Caroline Postill, and Charles Stewart.

THESPIANS



ROW ONE—Lucille Hanford, Jack Lepley, Emogene Anderson

ROW TWO—Barbara Birkeland, Florence Breault, Caroline Postill, Bernice Cooper

ROW THREE—Theresa Drewiske, Iris Whitehorn, Jeannette Stevens, Dorothe Nelson, Dorothy Dedman

Quill and Scroll, the international honorary society for high school journalists organized in 1926, numbers over twenty-five hundred chapters, and nearly fifty thousand young journalists from schools which are outstanding in the quality of their work, wear the gold badge of the society. The society has taken an active part in encouraging and rewarding individual achievement in journalism and in raising the standards in this field. Outstanding journalists and educators support the society and endorse its program. The society publishes a bi-monthly magazine for its members.

Membership may be secured only through a local chapter. Members must, at the time of their election, be of at least junior standing, be in the upper third of their class scholastically, have done superior work in some phase of journalism, be recommended by the supervisor or the committee governing publication, and must be approved by the Executive Secretary. To secure a charter of Quill and Scroll a high school must publish a newspaper, an annual, or a magazine which is considered meritorious by the executive council.

The Charles E. Russel Chapter of Quill and Scroll was granted to Fort Benton High School about 1928, but did not receive its formal title from the national organization until 1940.

QUILL AND SCROLL



FRONT ROW—Genevieve Lenington, Dorothie Nelson, Lucille Hanford, Theresa Drewiske, Jewell Callison, Gertrude Elliot, Emogene Anderson, Dorothy Dedman, Jeannette Stevens, Norma Montgomery, Lucille Small, Margaret Heinen

BACK ROW—Miss Patricia Berry, Clara Ludeman, Patty Stewart, Elsie Dedman, Vera Smith, Elna Cooper, Selma Schultz, Betty Breiter, Dorothy Elliot, Rita Loundagin, Henrietta Murray, Janis Nelson, Mardelle Rowe, Doris Willson, Patsy Callison, Abbie Mae Bailey

To begin a new year, the Home Economics Club, under the sponsorship of Miss Patricia Berry, organized with officers as follows: President, Jeannette Stevens; vice president, Doris Willson; secretary-treasurer, Betty Breiter; and program chairman, Mary Lou Cooper. Selma Schultz filled the vacancy created by Mary Lou at Christmas time.

The annual Home Economics Convention was held at Chinook, October 28. The girls who attended are Selma Schultz, Doris Willson, Mary Lou Cooper, Margaret Heinen, Theresa Drewiske, Patty Stewart, Betty Breiter, Jeannette Stevens, Henrietta Murray, and Mardelle Rowe. At the convention, seven FBHS girls held a panel discussion on Home Economics Club activities, and, as a musical selection, Mary Lou Cooper sang "Down by the Vinegar Works." Selma Schultz was elected Secretary of the District Home Economics Clubs at the annual election.

The program committee this year chose as an outline for the year "World Friendship." At each meeting a group of girls gave a program on some foreign country depicting typical costumes, food, or literature of the country.

Money-making projects for the year included the sale of hot dogs and cokes at the championship football game, the County Tournament, and the Sub-District Tournament.

For recreation the Club had three major parties: A Christmas party, a Home Ec-FFA party, and a party for senior girls.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB



FRONT ROW—Raymond Allard, Robert Murray, Robert Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Bill Albers, Donald Bramlette
MIDDLE ROW—Lyle McKeever, Robert Deck, Wesley Crawford, Thomas Wood, Howard LeFurgey, Robert Scott, Bernard Bach
BACK ROW—Bernard Billups, Kenneth Clark, Ernest Schultz, Darwin Lenington, Junior Hankins, Vincent Bogner, Dan Hazen, Edwin McCafferty, Earl Dedman, Mr. David Carpenter

At the organizational meeting held early in September, the Fort Benton chapter of Future Farmers of America elected the following officers: President, Darwin Lenington; vice president, Dan Hazen; secretary, Ernest Schultz; treasurer, Tom Woods and sentinel, Edwin McCafferty. Mr. David Carpenter was advisor.

Meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday night of each month.

Each member was assigned to one of the eight permanent committees, which outlined their program of work for the year and submitted it to the group for approval. The committees then worked out the ways and means for completing the proposed projects.

Some of the activities planned and carried to completion were: Selling war savings stamps to students and cooperating with the music department in November at a school bond auction, when \$216.20 in savings stamps and \$2,225.00 in bonds were sold. FFA members bought \$1,125.00 during the sixth war loan drive, the chapter buying a \$25.00 bond. Dean Elliott, graduate member of local chapter received the American Farmer's degree, the highest award given by the American Association of FFA and also \$250.00 for having the best Home Farm Improvement program in the eleven western states. An application for the State Farmer degree in the FFA is being submitted this year for Dan Hazen.

The FFA vice president sees that the committees are functioning. The hot bed was used again this year raising 1,000 tomato plants for home gardens. The chapter distributed improved varieties of crops to chapter contest winners. As recreation after meetings, wrestling, boxing, basketball, and stunts furnished the amusement, and occasionally refreshments were served. There were twenty-four active members and eight service active members. To the members in the services the chapter sent the Montana Future Farmer, state organ of FFA published by the state association of FFA.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



FRONT ROW—Donald Morger, Bradley Clark, Clay Fisher, Ernest Schultz, John Hankins, Donald Huffman, Robert Murray, Walter Jackson, Leonard Spear

SECOND ROW—Junior Hankins, Altha Frieling, Emogene Anderson, Florence Breault, Mardelle Row, Naomi Seright, Norma Montgomery, Marjorie Laulo, Leonard Johnson

THIRD ROW—Elna Cooper, Janis Nelson, Vera Smith, Margaret Farrington, Abbie Mae Bailey, Margaret Heinen, Margaret Frieling, Dorothy Dedman, Beryl Morrow, Phyllis Birkeland, Voncile Hudelson, Theresa Drewiske, Ina May Milledge, Doris Willson, Betty Breiter

BACK ROW—Patty Stewart, Shirley Spear, Lucille Hanford, Bertie Hankins, Jeanette Stevens, Stanley Smith, Barbara Birkeland, Robert Kelley, Vanita King, Archie Meeks, Virginia Granger, George Nottingham, Betty Lou Vinion, Maxine Anderson, Selma Schultz, Jackie Bramlette, Mary Ellen Ennis

Music Club organized during the second semester this year to promote the numerous musical activities of the spring. The following officers were elected: Doris Willson, president; Bob Kelley, vice-president; and Leonard Spear, secretary-treasurer. Miss Verna Young was sponsor. Membership in this club was open to all who participated in an organized musical activity in school, such as band, boys' chorus, girls' chorus, and freshman chorus. Club membership fee was fifty cents.

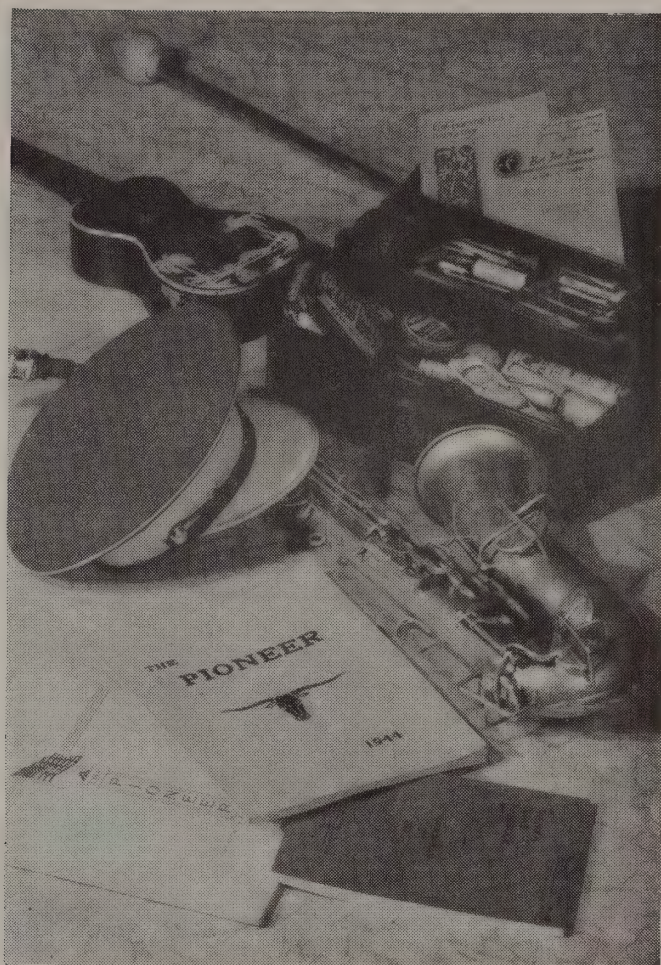
On March 16 Music Club members attended a party given by the A Cappella Choir of Great Falls High School, after the annual spring concert of Great Falls High School. Music for dancing was furnished by records; and ice cream, cake, and cokes were served.

The club sponsored a free public concert by Dean John Crowder and Professor John Lester on March 18. After the concert, a tea arranged by the mothers of Music Club members, took place in the music room. Club members sponsored a spring dance to cover the expense of bringing a music movie, "Youth Builds a Symphony" before the student body in April.

MUSIC CLUB

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ACTIVITIES



FRONT ROW—Norma Montgomery, Bertie Hankins, Mary Ellen Ennis, Altha Frieling, Robert Murray, Walter Jackson, Donald Morger, Stanley Smith

MIDDLE ROW—Robert Klay, Ina May Milledge, Marjorie Laulo, Vanita King, Phyllis Birkeland, Ernest Schultz, Margaret Frieling, Bernita Flatt, Naomi Seright, Ralph Guy, James Arnst

BACK ROW—Leonard Spear, Lee Katzenberger, Archie Meeks, Donald Huffman, George Nottingham, Bernice Cooper, Virginia Granger, Shirley Spear

Thirteen members were chosen from the junior high and senior bands to form the Pep Band which played before and during the quarters of the basketball and football games. During the football season the Pep Band, led by the three twirlers, marched through town to the field, played for time outs and formed letters at the half.

The band gave their first concert on November 23, before the student body. On May 10, a concert was given for the public which included several ensembles and solos. Selections included "Victor Herbert Medley," "March from the Desert Song," "Missouri Waltz," "There's Something About a Soldier," and several other marches.

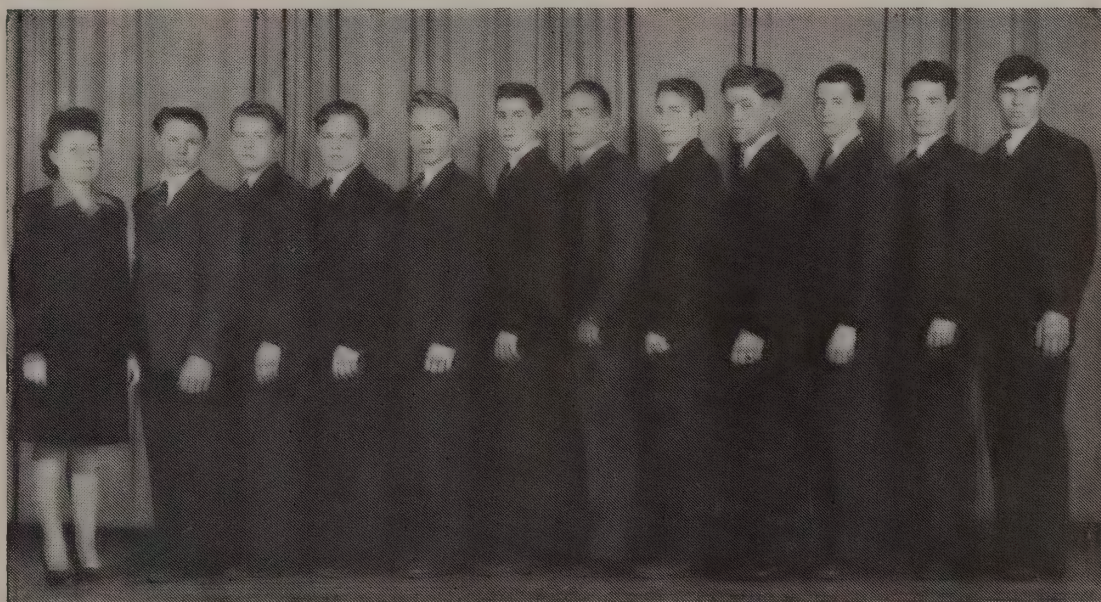
War has brought to the band certain difficulties and hardships. Raymond York, the sousaphone player left at Christmas for the Navy. Repairs on instruments were very slow and sometimes unobtainable. Despite these hardships, however, the band has taken a very progressive step forward and with future players starting in the sixth grade, a future band of merit is assured.

BAND



The Girls' Chorus directed by Miss Verna Young was again one of the outstanding musical groups of FBHS, with twenty members. Among their activities were singing for the Women's Club, assembly singing, and the presentation of a war bond show which, together with last year's Mother's Day Bond Drive, brought them a total of \$7,763 worth of bonds sold, and a Distinguished Service Citation by the Music War Council of America—the second one given in the state. The girls also took part in the Christmas program, and selected groups or trios occasionally entertained civic organizations.

GIRLS' CHORUS



The Boys' Chorus consisted of thirteen members who practiced from 8:30 to 9:00 each morning. This group started as a quartette, originally, but so much interest was aroused that a chorus was formed. The chorus sang at several school functions and combined with the girls' chorus to sing several songs in a spring concert.

BOYS' CHORUS



FRONT ROW—Barbara Birkeland, Leonard Johnson, Gertrude Elliot, Virginia Granger, Stanley Smith, Marian Campbell.

BACK ROW—Florence Breault, Jeannette Stevens, Donald Huffman, Miss Mildred Glover, Darwin Lenington, Lucille Hanford, Lee Katzenberger, Ann Katzenberger

THE DOCTOR HAS A DAUGHTER

Chosen by the senior class for production on December 7 and 8, "The Doctor Has a Daughter" netted a profit of \$207.25. George Batson, the author, wrote this play just before his induction into the armed forces.

Virginia Granger played the role of the sub-deb daughter, Tommy, whose many fantastic schemes to make people happy involves herself and the rest of the cast in numerous unusual situations; Marian Campbell was her girl friend Dodo; Stanley Smith played the role of Chuck, her worshipful boy friend; Gertrude Elliot played Cleota, the family maid; Mrs. Billings, Tommy's mother, was portrayed by Lucille Hanford; Mr. Billings, the doctor, by Lee Katzenberger; and Jeannette Stevens, as Flora Lee Billings, was Tommy's older sister. Florence Breault played Lulu Thaxter, Tommy's pretentious teacher, and David Torrence, Flora Lee's fiance, was played by Donald Huffman. Don, a junior, gave his willing support to the senior class when no senior boy was available. Barbara Birkeland portrayed the maiden aunt, Cassandra Thorn. Darwin Lenington was cast as the irascible Ed Smith and the wily Mr. Coddle was played by Leonard Johnson. Miss Mildred Glover directed the play.

SENIOR PLAY

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Members of the speech classes I and II participated in numerous and varied activities this year. Starting out with pantomimes, prepared speeches, and reading for expression, the students came to their first public performance—the local American Legion Oratorical Contest. The whole class prepared these ten to twelve minute speeches on "The Constitution in A Changing World" for classwork, and six students—Emogene Anderson, Barbara Birkeland, Dorothy Dedman, Theresa Drewiske, Lucille Hanford, and Jeannette Stevens—whose orations were above the average for the class gave their speeches for the public. The judges of this contest were Mr. Grover Schmidt, Mrs. Adrien Hess, and Mrs. Leonard Joubert. Lucille Hanford placed first; Jeannette Stevens, second; and Dorothy Dedman, third. Lucille represented Chouteau County in the district and zone contests in Great Falls, March 23, and placed first there, making her eligible for the state contest at Helena, April 3, where she placed third. The students were grateful to the American Legion for giving them the opportunity to gain such valuable experience.



DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

Something new was added to speech this year in the form of informal discussions on important questions of the day. A group of nine members of the class, with Jeannette Stevens as chairman, presented a discussion on lowering the voting age to eighteen, before the Kiwanis Club (to which they were luncheon guests), and the Senior Woman's Club. Besides the chairman, members of the group were Richard Arnst, Barbara Birkeland, Dorothy Dedman, Barbara Ellis, Virginia Granger, Lucille Hanford, John Hankins, and Donald Huffman.

Another group of four, including Theresa Drewiske, chairman, Marjorie Burress, Ann Katzenberger, and Lucille Small presented a discussion on compulsory military training before the Kiwanians.

During March, debate occupied the time of most of the class. Debaters representing the school included Barbara Birkeland, Dorothy Dedman, Virginia Granger, Lucille Hanford, Donald Huffman, and Jeannette Stevens. The debate teams debated with Havre on April 7, and on April 20, Fort Benton acted as host to the district debate tournament.

SPEECH CLASS PLAYS

On March 2, the speech classes presented three one-act plays for the public. These included a comedy of the domestic life of a typical small-town family, "While the Toast Burned;" "Happy Journey to Camden and Trenton," a unique comedy without properties; and a dramatic account of nurse's training, "So Wonderful! (In White)."

In April, the class gave another series of plays for the student body and Junior Woman's Club. These included "Curses! the Villian Is Foiled", an old fashioned melodrama; "My Cousin from Sweden", another clever comedy; and "A Critical Case", with an all girl cast.

In May, the speech classes held a declamation festival, in which both serious and humorous selections were given. Some of these were prepared declamations, while others were cuttings from longer selections and plays.

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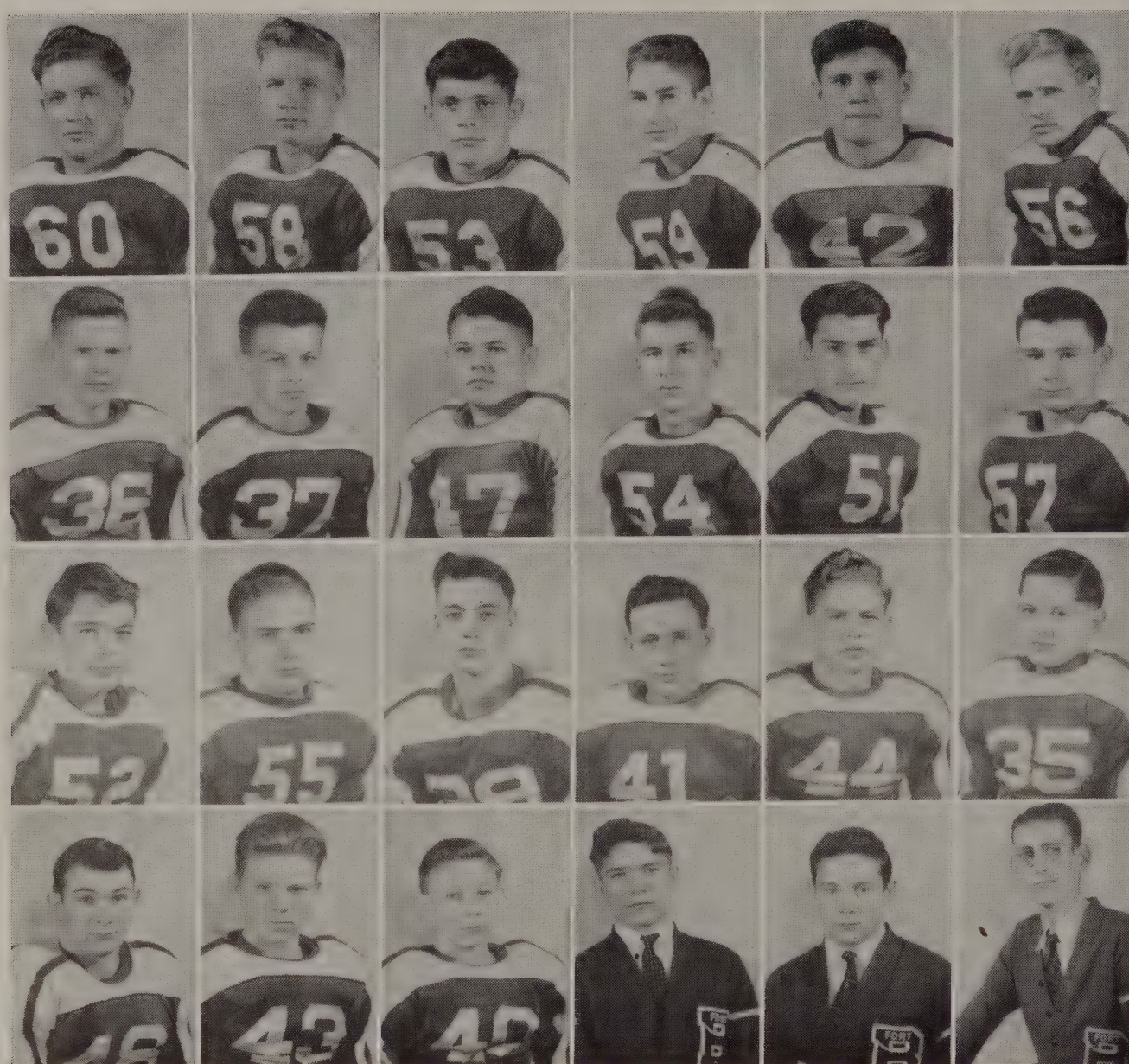
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ATHLETICS



ROW ONE—Leonard Johnson, Stanley Smith, Charles Bradley, Clay Fisher, Dan Hazen, Kenneth Scott

ROW TWO—Rolly Hyatt, Guy Willson, Charles Behrens, Jack Lepley, Robert Kelley, Chris Small

ROW THREE—James Elliot, George Nottingham, Edward Dedman, Bernard Billups, Donald Scott, Donald Morger

ROW FOUR—Richard Craig, Harold LeMond, Robert Fisher, George Frieling, Donald Pogreba, Lester DeBruin

NOT PICTURED—Donald Archer, Raymond York (in armed forces), Arnie Campbell

FOOTBALL

The Longhorn football team of 1944 was the strongest team to appear in the last eleven seasons, it being the first team since 1933 to take a Northern Regional Division and the first in six years to defeat the Conrad Cowboys.

The 1944 season opened officially when the Longhorns beat the Great Falls Reserves with a score of 12-0 at Great Falls. The next game was not so glorious, however, for although they outplayed their opponents, the Havre Ponies (an "A" team) won 18-7. The next game, a return with the Great Falls Reserves, again showed Longhorn ability as the Reserves returned home with a 26-0 defeat. The Conrad Cowboys were next on the Longhorn schedule and were handed a 20-0 defeat.

The Shelby Coyotes, in the next game, stampeded the hard fighting Longhorns, defeating them 21-6, at Shelby. The following week the Longhorns defeated Malta Mustangs for the first time in history 45-7, winning the District Championship. The final game for the Northern Regional Division Title was played at Fort Benton, with the Shelby Coyotes who had defeated the Longhorns earlier in the season. But with the fast running and heads-up playing of the Longhorns, the Coyotes were gored to a 18-6 defeat setting Fort Benton up as the victor of the Northern Regional Division—a perfect ending for an excellent season.

SCORES

Sept. 23 Great Falls Reserves	(there)	0	Ft. Benton	12
Sept. 30 Havre "A"	(there)	18	Ft. Benton	7
Oct. 7 Great Falls Reserves	(here)	0	Ft. Benton	26
Oct. 14 Conrad	(here)	0	Ft. Benton	20
Oct. 21 Shelby	(there)	21	Ft. Benton	6
Oct. 28 Malta	(here)	7	Ft. Benton	45

Northern Divisional Championship

Played in Ft. Benton—November 3

Ft. Benton 18 Shelby 6

PLAYERS

STANLEY SMITH: Senior quarterback with two letters. Smitty's speed and broken field running helped the team by making an average of 4.5 yards per play. His blocking was outstanding. He made the longest run this year—59 yards to a touchdown in the championship game.

LEONARD JOHNSON: Senior right guard with one letter. Skip was known for the ability to diagnose plays, which helped greatly in his tackling ability. His weight and speed made him a dangerous man.

KENNETH SCOTT: Junior fullback with one letter. Scotty's speed, power, jarring blocks, and kicking ability were of great value to the team this year. These put together gave him an average of 6 yards per play. He was the Captain of the Championship Football Team this year.

CHARLES BRADLEY: Junior left tackle with two letters. With Chuck's drive and power, he could buck any line that was put before him. He'll bear watching next year.

DONALD ARCHER: Junior left halfback with three letters. Don was a real threat to any team. His speed and ability on the field were valuable assets, and enabled him to make 5 yards per play. He is now in the Navy.

RAYMOND YORK: Junior tackle with three letters. Raymond's weight made him a hard man to handle by opposing teams. He is also in the Navy.

JACK LEPLEY: Junior right end with two letters. Jack was a good defense man. He broke up the plays and got tackles.

DAN HAZEN: Junior right tackle with one letter. Dan's weight, drive, and power make him a threat to other teams.

CLAY FISHER: Junior left guard with two letters. Clay's ability to diagnose plays let him get most of his tackles behind the line. His tackles were high for as much as he played.

CHARLES BEHRENS: Junior tackle, guard, center with one letter. Although he didn't get to play much, Charlie's weight made him a hard man to move on the line. Charlie was the general utility man.

ROLLY HYATT: Junior end with one letter. Rolly will prove promising material for the next season.

GUY WILLSON: Junior back with one letter. Guy hit hard on the defensive and was a good blocking back.

CHRIS SMALL: Sophomore left end with two letters. Chris' speed, pass catching ability, and good work on the defense won him his position. Chris played occasionally in the backfield averaging three yards per time. One of his strongest features was getting down punts.

JAMES ELLIOT: Sophomore center with one letter. Although James was small, his centering ability and determination made him a valuable man on the team. His defensive work in the Shelby game was very good.

ROBERT KELLEY: Sophomore blocking back with one letter. Bob was noted for his defensive work, and his ability to lead interference. He is one to watch in future years.

GEORGE NOTTINGHAM: Sophomore guard with one letter. George's defensive work and blocking made him a valuable player this year.

EDWARD DEDMAN: Sophomore back with one letter. Edward's speed and ability on the field will win him a starting position in the future teams.

DONALD SCOTT: Freshman back with one letter. Don's speed, power, and drive made him a threat to any team. Don did very well, averaging more than three yards per play.

PAUL CRAIG: Freshman tackle with one letter. Paul's weight and defensive ability prove him to be good material for years to come.

BERNARD BILLUPS, DONALD MORGER, ARNOLD CAMPBELL, HAROLD LEMON, and ROBERT FISHER: These were the fellows that didn't get to play a great deal and did not make a letter this year. Their determination and interest in the game of football will well be rewarded in later years.

DONALD POGREBA, LESTER DE BRUIN, and GEORGE FRIELING: These were the managers of the 1944 football team. Among the jeers and threats from the players, these fellows kept the field, equipment, and balls in good shape. They also kept the players supplied with towels, water, and tape. The squad owes a great deal to these fellows.



TRACK

Those energetic students who went out for track this spring under Coach Hess' guidance are: Stanley Smith, Chris Small, John Hankins, Charles Bradley, Dean Fisher, George Nottingham, Robert Fisher, Edward Dedman, and Paul Craig.

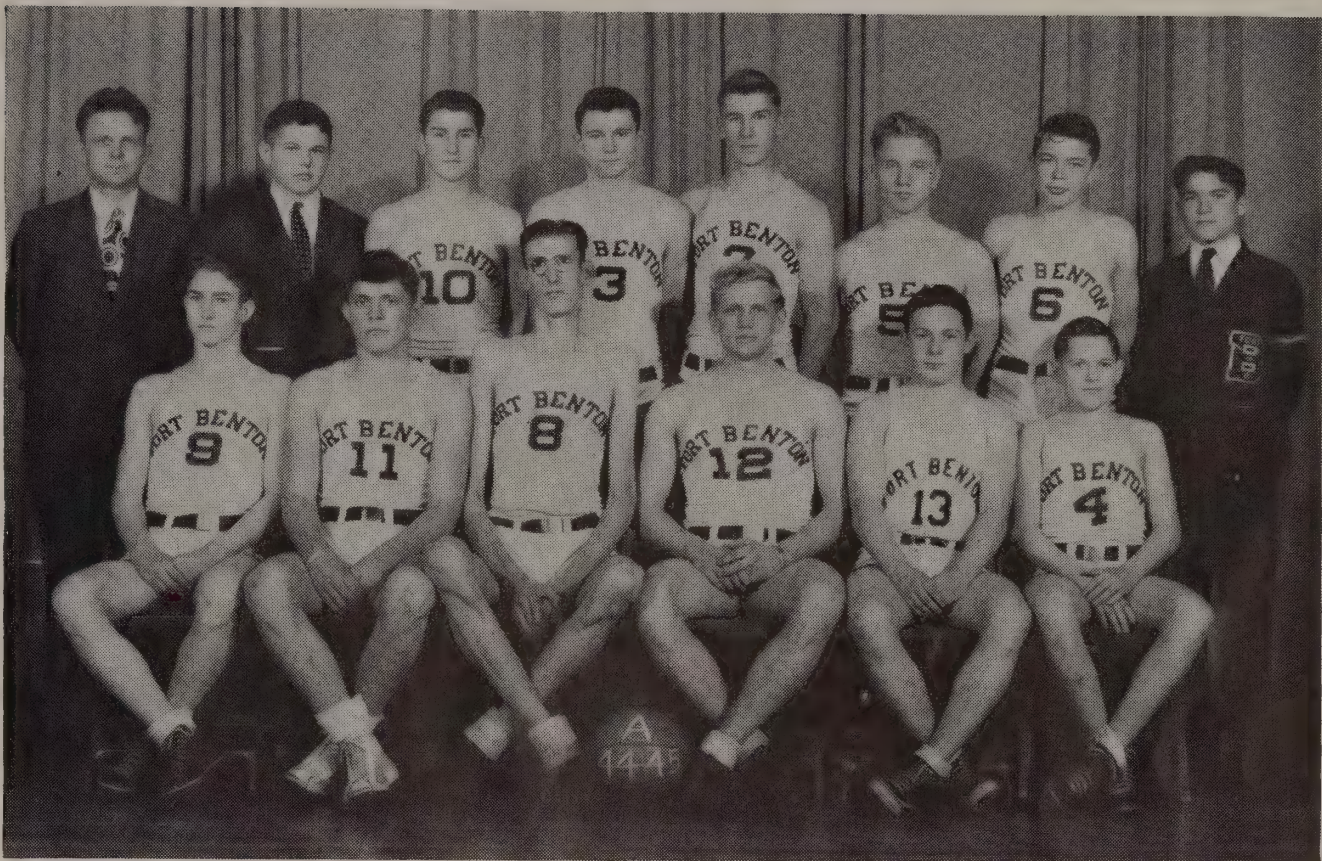
These boys participated in an invitational track meet in Great Falls on April 21. A selected group attended the State Track Meet in Missoula, May 11 and 12.



GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The Girls' Athletics Club organized at the beginning of the year electing officers as follows: President, Lucille Hanford; vice president, Norma Montgomery; and manager, Theresa Drewiske.

Miss Patricia Berry was the instructor of the group which met on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Tumbling, basketball, and volleyball were the sports in which they took part during the winter, and a spring softball team was organized. Supper hikes were also a spring feature.



FRONT ROW—Clay Fisher, Charles Bradley, Lester De Bruin, Kenneth Scott, Donald Pogreba, Donald Morger

BACK ROW—Mr. Adrien Hess, Charles Behrens, Robert Kelley, Chris Small, Jack Lepley, Stanley Smith, James Elliot, George Frieling

After about two weeks of practice a fast interclass tournament was staged. The first night the Seniors met the Juniors and the Juniors won. The second game was between the Sophomores and the Freshmen and the Sophomores showed their superiority by defeating the hard fighting Freshmen. In the finals the Seniors met and defeated the Freshmen to win third place. The Juniors and Sophomores met to decide which team was to be first. The Sophomores showed their worth when they defeated the hard fighting Juniors to win first place.

The basketball team of "44"- "45" got off to a very bad start. Of the 18 pre-tournament games played only five of them were victories.

The first tournament of the year for the Bentonites was the County Tournament, where Big Sandy defeated Geraldine and Fort Benton defeated Highwood in the first round. This pitted the Longhorns against Big Sandy. Big Sandy had previously beaten the Longhorns, 40-25, but the Longhorns by playing heads up ball upset the dope by defeating Big Sandy, and thus winning the County Championship.

For the winning of the tournament, several persons made generous contributions to the recreation of the players, both in money and in a dinner given in their honor.

In the sub-district tournament on February 15, 16, and 17 the Longhorns again proved their worth by first defeating Neihart, for their first win. On the second night the Longhorns met the Geraldine quintet and beat them. On the final game the Longhorns were defeated by the strong St. Mary's team for the third time in the season.

The following week at the district tournament in Great Falls, Benton started off with defeating the Simms team with a 26 point margin. On the second night the Benton team won their way into the finals by defeating Fairfield, a team that

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had already beaten them twice in the season. On the last night the Longhorns met St. Mary's for the fourth time, and for the fourth time they were defeated—to place second in the district.

The showing of the Benton team in the tournaments proved its real strength, for of eight games played only two were lost, and of the seven teams played three had beaten us once and two had beaten us twice before.

Of the first ten, Fort Benton is very fortunate this year in that it loses only two players, Stanley Smith and Kenneth Scott. Stanley is one of the best players on the team taking the honors of being on the first five, third high scorer, and captain of the team.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

Fort Benton	25	vs.	Medics	40
Fort Benton	19	vs.	Geraldine	32
Fort Benton	41	vs.	Centerville	18
Fort Benton	17	vs.	Belt	29
Fort Benton	26	vs.	St. Marys	35
Fort Benton	34	vs.	Bisons	50
Fort Benton	23	vs.	Choteau	26
Fort Benton	25	vs.	Big Sandy	40
Fort Benton	40	vs.	Highwood	18
Fort Benton	49	vs.	Centerville	30
Fort Benton	18	vs.	Geraldine	17
Fort Benton	24	vs.	Choteau	30
Fort Benton	33	vs.	Fairfield	34
Fort Benton	32	vs.	Neihart	38
Fort Benton	30	vs.	St. Marys	37
Fort Benton	19	vs.	Big Sandy	37
Fort Benton	35	vs.	Fairfield	37 (overtime)
Fort Benton	28	vs.	Belt	14
TOTAL	518			557
Won 5 Lost 13				

TOURNAMENT GAMES

Fort Benton	30	vs.	Highwood	18	} County Tournament
Fort Benton	38	vs.	Big Sandy	29	
Fort Benton	27	vs.	Neihart	20	} Sub-District Tournament
Fort Benton	31	vs.	Geraldine	11	
Fort Benton	27	vs.	St. Marys	36	
Fort Benton	51	vs.	Simms	25	} District Tournament
Fort Benton	33	vs.	Fairfield	26	
Fort Benton	24	vs.	St. Marys	46	
TOTAL	261			211	
Won 6 Lost 2					

"A" RESERVES

Fort Benton	16	vs.	Highwood	17
Fort Benton	19	vs.	Alumni	42
Fort Benton	32	vs.	Alumni	31
Fort Benton	18	vs.	Highwood	36
Fort Benton	40	vs.	Squadron	26
TOTAL	125			152
Won 2 Lost 3				

PLAYERS

STANLEY SMITH—Sr.—2 letters: (Captain) Smitty's speed, shooting ability, and teaming up with Small on quick breaks made him a valuable man. He acted as captain all year and was elected at the end of the year. He was 3rd high point man with 139 points.

JACK LEPLEY—Jr.—2 stripes: Jack, with his height and shooting ability was a valuable man to the team this year. His height was an asset on rebounds. He was 2nd high point man with 148 points.

CHRIS SMALL—Soph.—2 stripes: Chris' speed, shooting eye, and ability to handle the ball made him a real threat man. Chris was the high point man this season with 275 points.

ROBERT KELLEY—Soph.—2 stripes: Bob's fight and ball handling won him his position on the first five. His play in the County Tournament was outstanding.

JAMES ELLIOT—Soph.—1 stripe: Jim was outstanding on backboard play and his ability to handle the ball and stay cool was a great asset to the team.

LESTER DE BRUIN—Jr.—1 stripe: Muscles' great height made him a deadly man against any team. We expect to see him back next season.

CHARLES BRADLEY — Jr. — 1 stripe: Chuck's height around the basket which enabled him to get rebounds, and his eye for the basket proves him promising material.

DEAN FISHER—Jr.—1 stripe: Clay got better as the season advanced and he was outstanding in his play during the tournaments when it really counted. He'll be one to watch.

KENNETH SCOTT—Jr.—1 stripe: Scott's fight, jumping ability, and his speed made him a valuable man.

DONALD MORGER—Fr.—1 stripe: Bun's ball handling and his eye for the basket will prove him good material for future years. He didn't get much play on the "A" squad but he got experience playing with the "B" squad.

RAYMOND YORK—Although Ray went to the Navy before the basketball season was over he was a valuable substitute. We wish him luck on his new job.

DONALD POGREBA—Don didn't get to play much this year but he proves promising material for next year.

GEORGE FRIELING and CHARLES BEHRENS—They were our managers. They kept score and kept the team furnished with towels and foot powder. The team appreciates them and hopes to have them back next year.

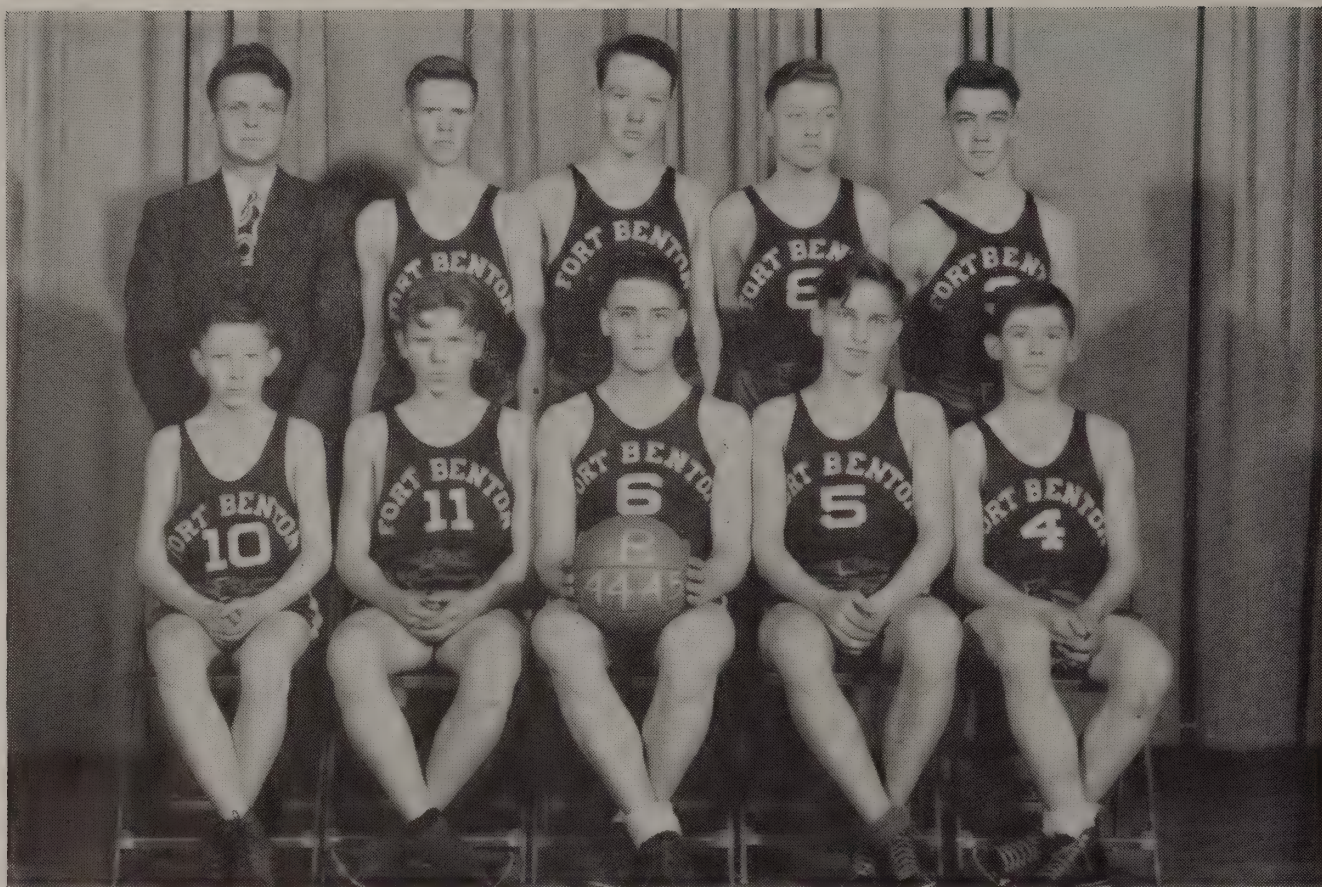
CHEERLEADERS



Patty Stewart, Mary Ellen Ennis, Emogene Anderson, Lucille Hanford, Barbara Birkeland, Voncile Hudelson

Four veteran cheerleaders and two recruits led the Longhorn yelling section this year. Barbara Birkeland and Lucille Hanford, seniors; Emogene Anderson, junior; and Mary Ellen Ennis, sophomore; carried on from last year, while Voncile Hudelson, sophomore; and Patty Stewart, freshman, were chosen to fill the two vacancies.

The cheerleaders were divided into two groups this year: the first, Lucille, Barbara, and Voncile wore white B-sweaters and red skirts; the second, Patty, Emogene, and Mary Ellen wore red skirts and satin jackets over T-shirts. During the 1944-45 season, the two groups took turns leading the yells at home games.



FRONT ROW—Robert Fisher, Harold LeMond, Howard LeFurgey, James Arnst, Walter Jackson

BACK ROW—Mr. Adrien Hess, Rolly Hyatt, Robert Klay, John Deck, Earl Dedman.

The B Basketball Squad is composed of freshmen and sophomores. This is to give them experience for the A squad.

The B squad was very successful this season winning eight out of ten games. They lost one game to Highwood and one game to Belt.

This is one of the best teams the B squad has had in a number of years. Their fight and determination won them this honor.

Arnst was high point man with 69 points during the season, Campbell was second with 47 points, and LeMond was third with 45 points. The team made 246 points, throughout the year, to the opponents' 165.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

Fort Benton	26	vs.	Geraldine	11
Fort Benton	27	vs.	Centerville	12
Fort Benton	24	vs.	Belt	23
Fort Benton	29	vs.	St. Marys	15
Fort Benton	20	vs.	Highwood	22
Fort Benton	31	vs.	Centerville	9
Fort Benton	23	vs.	Geraldine	11
Fort Benton	21	vs.	Highwood	18
Fort Benton	28	vs.	St. Marys	20
Fort Benton	17	vs.	Belt	24
TOTAL				165
246				
Won 8 Lost 2				

B BASKETBALL



FRONT ROW—Paul Craig, Donald Pogreba, Donald Morger, George Frieling, Guy Willson

MIDDLE ROW—Mr. Adrien Hess, Charles Bradley, Stanley Smith, Leonard Johnson, Clay Fisher, Lester De Bruin

BACK ROW—Charles Behrens, Robert Kelley, James Elliot, George Nottingham, Chris Small, Kenneth Scott, Earl Dedman, Donald Scott, Rolly Hyatt, Dan Hazen, Jack Lepley

The B Club has been one of the most active clubs this year. It has a membership of twenty-three. To become a member of this club it is necessary to win a letter in one of the sports sponsored by the school or win a letter as a manager.

The purpose of the group is to have a lettermen's club and to sponsor and promote athletics in the grades and in high school.

This year the club sponsored a number of dances: one following the championship football game here with Shelby, one following the County Tournament and one following the Sub-District Tournament. They sponsored the programs for the Sub-District Tournament. They had benches built for the dressing rooms.

Following the basketball season they aided in putting on the Grade Basketball Tournament. They also sponsored a banquet for the basketball squads, the B Club members, and guests who had been active supporters of the athletic teams during the year.

Officers of the club are: Stanley Smith, president; Donald Archer, vice president; Jack Lepley, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Adrien Hess, sponsor. Later, Charles Bradley was elected vice president to take the place of Donald Archer who went to the Navy.

B CLUB

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HONOR ROLL

FIRST SEMESTER

HIGH HONORS (25 POINTS)

Lucille Hanford
Olive Lane

HONORS (15 POINTS)

Melvin Batchelor
Charles Behrens
Barbara Birkeland
Phyllis Birkeland
Florence Breault
Marian Campbell
Evelyn Charters
Kenneth Clark
Elna Cooper
Mary Lou Cooper
Lester DeBruin
John Deck
Dorothy Dedman
Theresa Drewiske
Franklin Elliott
Mary Ellen Ennis
Margaret Heinen
Rolly Hyatt
Robert Kelley
Robert Klay
Rita Loundagin
Jere McCaulay
Steve McSweeney
Dorothie Nelson
Selma Schultz
Robert Scott
Jeannette Stevens
Otto Stevens
Betty Lou Vinion
Iris Whitehorn
Doris Willson
Guy Willson

FOURTH SIX WEEKS

HIGH HONORS (25 POINTS)

Lucille Hanford

HONORS (15 POINTS)

Richard Arnst
Abbie Mae Bailey
Charles Behrens
Barbara Birkeland
Phyllis Birkeland
Florence Breault
Elna Cooper
Bernice Cooper
Evelyn Charters
Kenneth Clark
Dorothy Dedman
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Robert Scott
Jeannette Stevens
Otto Stevens
Robert Taylor
Betty Terry
Betty Lou Vinion
Iris Whitehorn
Guy Willson

CALENDAR 1944-45

MEMOIRS OF A SENIOR:

September

- 11 All good things must come to an end, so with the conclusion of a wonderful summer vacation, school began. Officers were elected on this day with presidents: Katzenberger, Scott, Stevens, and Campbell. Most of the clubs organized and elected their officers and the Cannon Report organized with Dorothy Dedman as Editor.
- 20-22 We saw the freshmen girls in their true colors during initiation. They wore no make-up and had their hair in pin curls; the boys wore gunny sack hula skirts, make-up, and curls. Bob Fisher high lighted the evening of the initiation party with a gigantic jump from a board to the floor a few inches below.
- 23 We began a terrific season of football with a game with the Great Falls Reserves. We beat 'em 12-0.
- 25 The faculty gave a farewell party for Miss Iva Jane McCrory at Hindle's. "Mac" went to the frozen north, Alaska.
- 27 Thirty girls turned out for athletics and a good season was anticipated. Little did anyone know how it was to turn out.

October

- 1 Did you juniors get your deposit in for your junior rings at the drug store?
- 2 Senior boys have been given the opportunity to gain qualities of good citizenship by attending Kiwanis Club. Skip Johnson and Darwin Lenington were chosen for the month of October.
- 3 There will not be any excuse for any more sour notes from the music room as Mr. Jacobsen tuned all of the pianos.
- 5-6 Oh! We seniors were taken down a notch or two when we had to take those horrible aptitude tests. We could have told Mr. Hess that we didn't have any genius in the class.
- 6 The Pep Band made its debut at the football game today.
- 14 We beat Conrad for the first time in six years! Look at those boys strut.
- 18 The music department and the student body had its first Community Sing.

Bob "Frankie" Doll had all of the gals swooning.

Miss Berry and her Home Ec. III'ers put on a banquet for the Chouteau County Men Teachers' Club.

- 19 End of 6-weeks. There goes that new suit that I almost had. Mr. Hess revised the honor roll system. You really have to dig to get anywhere now.
- 24 Lt. Olson of the Navy spoke to the student body, and he also showed some movies.
- 26-27 Teachers' Convention. Teachers find this a great bore but I rather enjoy my vacation.
- 28 We played Malta for the championship of the Judith Basin District and came out on top 45-7. Football of course. The freshmen gave their return party for us seniors, and the Home Economics Club sent eleven delegates to Chinook for the District Convention; Selma Schultz was elected a district officer.
- 30 Mr. Charles H. Richards, music editor of Standard Publishing Co., spoke to the student body, and showed movies of wild animals taken while he was doing missionary work in the Union of South Africa. Was he just pulling my leg or were all of those stories true?

November

- 3 Our football boys subdued Shelby by beating them 18-6 to take the regional title. Cokes and hot dogs were sold by the Home Economics Club. The "B" Club had a dance after the championship football game.
- 6 Kenneth Scott was elected captain of the football team. He and Bernita are engaged, now. Skid and Eva Nita became "that way" also.
- 7 Say, I thought the Republicans had the Democrats outnumbered 6 to 1, but they must not as in a student election today Roosevelt beat Dewey 98-58.
- 10 The Music Department and the FFA put on a bond show for the students. Some of these students surely were patriotic, because the War Department really raked in the dough.
- 16 All of the athletes turned out for a season of basketball.

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November

- 22 Miss Young and the senior band put on a band concert for the students. The juniors had their barn dance which was a great success. Or perhaps it was just that cider which was a little on the hard side.
- 23-26 Thanksgiving vacation. I hope no one was so unpatriotic as to overeat.

December

- 1 Second 6-weeks ends. Hmmm, still no improvement. Sophomores won the basketball interclass tournament.
- 2 Caroline Postill was crowned Queen of the Victory Carnival. Barbara Ellis, Bertie June Hankins, and Betty Breiter were the princesses.
- 5 Mrs. Rose Farrington came to replace Mrs. Paul Louther, who had been filling Miss McCrory's vacancy in the sixth grade. Her daughter, Margaret, entered high school.
- 6 Why the pale faces and trembling limbs? Oh, the nurse came to give inoculations.
- 7-8 The seniors gave "The Doctor Has A Daughter" and had a dance afterwards. Lee had an appendicitis attack and gave the cast an anxious night. The Archer twins both joined the Navy. Poor Norma.
- 9 We played the first game of the basketball season with the Highwood town team and the Medics and got whipped both times. Tut! The State FFA officers visited school.
- 13 The football team was honored with a banquet given by the Kiwanis Club, to which the faculty and their husbands or wives were also guests. Mr. Hess, speechless, was the recipient of a gift of leather from his team. Mrs. Holm gave the response to Mr. Arnst's address of welcome.
- 14 I was hoping the schoolhouse was burning down, but it was only a fire drill. The home ec. classes made candy. (The two incidents are quite unrelated.)
- 21 Christmas program at school.
- 22 Mr. Hindle secured "The Gentleman From Arizona," a full length movie which he showed to the students for a Christmas present. Then we were off for 10 days of gluttony. The high school girls went caroling.
- 27 The Kiwanis Club gave its annual banquet for the alumni.

January

- 2 We came back from our vacation to find the faculty minus Mrs. U. A. Cooper and Miss Florence Jensen, and plus Miss Mary March and Mrs. A. L. Hess.
- 10-12 Three days of KSTC tests! 'Nuf said.
- 11 The juniors had a private surprise party for Mary Lou Cooper, who transferred to Great Falls.
- 12 The Home Ec. III class put on a banquet for the Centerville team. They were rather bashful. (The boys, of course.)
- 13 The Pioneer staff was selected and immediately began work.
- 18-19 Semester exams. June Williams, Mary Lou Cooper, and George Lippert left.
- 20 The Service Plaque was brought up to date.
- 27 Hurray! We won the County Tournament. The Home Ec. Club sold cokes and hot dogs.

February

- 1 Six girls in Speech class took part in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. Lucille Hanford, Jeannette Stevens, and Dorothy Dedman took the places. Lucille also received honorable mention in the Science Talent Search.
- 5 Marjorie Burress transferred here from Minnesota, to escape all the juvenile delinquency there. Hm-m.
- 12 Mr. Umphress took pictures. He winked at everybody, and got Mrs. Schmidt so excited that he had to take her picture over again.
- 15-17 Sub-District Tournament and we took second place.
- 22-24 District Tournament and we came in second. (It's just a case of always being the bridesmaid, never the bride.)

March

- 2 The Speech Class put on three one-act plays: "Happy Journey," "While The Toast Burns," and "So Wonderful (in White)!"
- 6-7 Make-up work began for those patriotic souls who are getting out early to work on farms. The Little Longhorns won the grade tournament.
- 12 At last! The pictures and proofs arrived from Mr. Umphress. Hmm, not bad, either. The KSTC returns arrived, too. We have several in the upper brackets.

CALENDAR 1944-45

March

- 13 Miss Young's piano recital at which Selma won her laurels.
- 14 The Music Club is awarded a citation from the Music War Council of America for its two bond shows. Anaconda is the only other school in the state who had one.
- 15 The Home Ec. III class put on the Athletic Banquet. Everything seemed to go wrong but it turned out okay. Smith was elected captain of the basketball team.
- 16 Great Falls invited the Music Club to come up for their concert and for a return party.
- 18 John Crowder and John Lester from the University gave a vocal and piano concert. The Music Club and their mothers gave a reception for the men afterwards. Who was it that consumed all of the food? I don't mean the guests either!
- 16 Music Club movie. I wish I were one of the lucky ones, but I couldn't afford the four bits to join so I guess I'll have to console myself by staying in class.
- 19 The "Voices" in the music department gave another War Bond concert—Girls' Chorus and Boys' Chorus. Twelve local male voices assisted the chorus.
- 20 Grade Scholastic Meet. Oh, to have the gray matter of some people. Freshmen, with gentle encouragement from seniors, whitewashed the B.
- 21 Track Meet held in Great Falls. Many a potential Greg Rice appeared.
- 26 Declamation Contest. Boy, I'm certainly thankful I didn't take speech, if everyone has to go through that.
- 27 The Juniors put on their annual prom, and spring really filled the air.

April

- 5-6 "Best Foot Forward" the Junior class play was held. The cast managed to draw many laughs from the audience. Professor Scott, director of interscholastic football in Montana, presented the awards to the football squad in a school assembly.
- 7 Two debate teams from the speech class debated with Havre. They were non-decision debates, which was considered a blessing by some of the debaters.
- 9 Home Ec.-Ag. picnic and dance. The FFA boys really showed the domestic scientists a good time—not to mention the good food the girls supplied. Dancers, upon leaving, were lightly showered upon.
- 10 Annual Faculty-School Board Banquet. Miss Young and Mrs. Burns played a piano duet. Mr. Hindle showed movies. Again the meal was prepared by the home ec. girls.
- 13 The "Sophs" had a superstitious dance which was well attended by many weird and unlucky characters. The second "13th" in the history of the annual, for it went to press.

May

- 4 Sneak Day. Oh, to be a senior! Some people have all the fun.
- 10-12 Track Meet at Missoula. Gosh, it would be nice to be an athlete, at least for those three days.
- 10 The annual spring band concert was held. It was well attended by the music lovers of our "fair city."
- 13 Thirteen is the annual's lucky number, as we received our shiny new Pioneers today.
- 17 The grades, 1-6, got out of school for the year. Wonder why they get out two weeks earlier? Are they supposed to be smarter or something?
- 18 End of the last 6-weeks. I'm certainly glad that is over.
- 20 Baccalaureate was held in the auditorium.
- 21-22 The semester tests were held. Some times I think it's a good idea to study; it pays off eventually.
- 24 Commencement! Wonderful word isn't it? Dr. Klemme from Bozeman was the speaker.

WAR SERVICE PLAQUE

Furloughing servicemen who attended school in Fort Benton always make it a point to visit the War Service Plaque which is placed in the bulletin case facing the front door of the high school. Returning servicemen are particularly anxious to see what branch of the service their former schoolmates are in.

The plaque is forty-eight inches high and forty-six inches wide and is constructed of black walnut framing. The official insignias of every branch of the armed forces appear on the sides and the top is decorated by a spread eagle clutching a streamer of red, white, and blue, and two American flags. In silver letters are seven columns of names of former students of F. B. H. S. now in the service and after each name is a letter representing the branch of the service of each. In front of the names of those who have given their lives is a gold star.

The list which was brought up to date at Christmas, then contained 383 names. Mr. J. M. Hindle has assumed responsibility for keeping the list up-to-date, and was in charge of making the plaque, with the help of the Manual Training classes.

SERVICE HONOR ROLL:

Ackerson, Edward	A	Booth, Woodrow	N	✦ Chappell, Jack	A
Adams, Donald	A	Bowker, Robert	A	Chappell, Richard	A
Adams, Eldon	A	Bowman, William	M	✦ Christensen, Edwin	A
Allen, Dale	N	Bradley, Wilbur	N	Christofferson, Chas.	A
Allen, Marion	CB	Brandt, Lester	A	Clarke, Edmund	A
Allen, Ross	A	Bramlette, Donald	A	Clarke, John	N
Allen, Sanford	A	Bratz, Carl	A	Clinard, Lawrence	A
Allen, Vance	N	Bratz, William	A	Cole, Homer	A
Ames, Byron	A	Breault, William	A	Collins, William	CB
✦ Ames, James	A	Bridgeford, Revel	A	Conn, Charles	A
Anderson, Jack A.	A	Bridgeford, Walter	N	Conn, Lester	A
Anderson, Jack B.	A	Briese, Herbert	A	Cook, Iray	A
Anderson, Noel	A	Bright, Frank	N	Cook, Oscar	N
Anderson, William	A	Brodock, Charles	N	Cooper, Herbert	CB
Archer, Donald	N	✦ Brown, Edward	A	Cox, Elmer	N
✦ Archer, Neal	A	Brown, James	N	Craig, Robert	A
Archer, Ronald	N	Brown, Richard A.	A	Cronkhite, Donald	N
Archer, Royal	N	Brown, Richard K.	N	Cronkhite, Vern	N
Ayers, Leonard	A	Brust, Robert	N	Culbertson, Charles	CG
Baack, John	A	Buck, Jack	N	Culbertson, Earl	A
Barksdale, Clark	A	Buck, William	A	Culbertson, Frank	A
Barnes, Ellis	A	Buffington, Lucille	NC	Culbertson, Robert	A
Bateman, Harold	N	Burns, Robert	A	Curtis, Raymond	A
Bateman, Richard	A	Calkin, Alice	NC	Daley, Cecil	N
Bear, Joseph	A	Calkin, George	N	Daniels, Wilfred	A
Beauchamp, Daniel	AC	Callison, Benjamin	A	Dedman, David	A
Beecher, Everett	A	Callison, Thomas	A	de Lorimier, A.	A
Beecher, Howard	A	Carter, Albert	N	Dickens, George	M
Bennett, Ray	A	Casey, Michael	A	Diemert, Frederick	N
Bennett, Ross	A	Casey, William	A	Doll, Eugene	A
Benton, Richard	A	Castor, Ray	CG	Donaldson, Norman	A
Bogner, Vincent	N	Chaney, Ellis	A	Drewiske, Alton	N
Bokovoy, Elmer	N	Chaney, Harry	A	Drewiske, John	A

Elder, William	A	Jackson, Eugene	A	Meridith, Jack	N
Elliot, George	N	Jackson, Norman	A	Meridith, Robert	CG
Elliott, Charles	A	Jacobsen, Everett	A	Miller, Lyle	M
Elliott, John	A	Jahnke, Fred	M	Miller, Sam	A
Elliott, Victor	CG	James, Dudley	A	Minard, Leonard	A
Elliott, Walter	N	Jenkinson, Frank	A	Moe, Morris	A
Embleton, Dorothy	W	Johnson, Arthur	A	Moe, Vernon	A
Enge, Kenneth	CG	Johnson, Laddie	A	Morger, Wallace	M
Epperson, Ethel	NC	Johnson, Robert	N	Morris, Albert	M
		Johnson, Wilbur	A	Morris, Charles	N
Fait, Dale	A	Jones, John	A	Morris, William	A
Feltman, Wallace	A	Jones, William	A	Morrison, Royal	N
Feltman, William	A	Jones, Wyman	N	Morrow, Clayton	A
Fenton, Ray	M			Morrow, Dewey	N
Fishbaugh, Fred	A	Katzenberger, Fred	M	Morrow, Eugene	A
Fisher, Marshall	A	Keller, Virgil	A	Murphy, Margaret	NC
Flanagan, Frank	N	Kelley, Ted	N	Murphy, Paul	N
Flatt, Donald	A	Kelly, Frank	CG	Murray, Joe	A
Fox, J.	N	Kelly, John	A	Myers, Eugene	M
Frieling, John	N	Kelly, Orville	N		
Fultz, Calvin	M	Kerl, Ralph	N	McGraw, Jack	N
Fultz, Waden	N	Kilroy, Leo	N	McKenzie, Donald	A
Fultz, Wilbur	N	Kimble, James	M	McKenzie, Fred	A
		Kinyon, Charles	A	McKenzie, Halden	A
Gall, Merle	A	Kinyon, Lloyd	A	McKerrow, Harold	A
Gall, Richard	N	Kleinschmidt, Nick	A	† McKinlay, Vern	N
Gies, Richard	A	Koch, William	A	† McLauchlin, Melvin	A
Good, Ernest	N	Koepp, Robert	A	McLeish, Merlin	A
Gordon, Glen	A	Koger, Nina	MR	McLeish, William	A
Gordon, Keith	N	Kreps, Albert	A		
Grossman, Henry	N	Krsul, Harold	A	Nagengast, Isabel	NC
		Kurth, Donald	N	Nelson, Lloyd	A
Hagie, Daryl	A	Kurth, Russell	M	Neyland, Lewis	A
Halley, Chester	N	Kurth, Sidney	M	Nottingham, Edward	A
Halley, Warren	N			Nottingham, Oria	A
Hamm, David	N	† Lang, Robert	A	Nottingham, Wendell	A
† Hanford, Howard	N	Larkin, Jack	A		
Hanford, Norris	N	Larkin, Rudolph	N	Oakland, Robert	N
Hankins, Arba	A	LaRonde, Lorraine	NC	O'Hara, Carl	A
Hankins, Warren	A	Lee, Edmund	CB	O'Hara, Francis	A
Hankey, Raymond	A	Lenning, Frederick	A	Olinger, George	N
Hanna, Albert	A	Long, Delbert	M	Olmstead, Ralph	A
Hansen, Claude	A	Long, Raymond	A	O'Reilly, Charles	N
Hansen, Melvin	A	Lorenzen, Lewey	N	O'Reilly, Francis	A
Hansen, Seymour	A	Loundagin, Winston	A	O'Reilly, Henry	M
Hayworth, Ross	A	Louther, Karl	M	Ostlie, Lloyd	A
Hazen, Logan	A	Louther, William	A	Overfield, Basham	N
Hicks, Glen	A	Lovinger, Warren	N	Overholser, Eldon	N
Hilton, Clark	N	Lucas, Albert	A	Overholser, Joel	A
Hinkle, Richard	A	Lynch, Donald	N	Owens, Samuel	A
Hockersmith, Lee	N	Lynch, Margaret	NW		
Hollreigh, John	A	Lynch, Nonie	NC	Patterson, Edward	A
Howell, Stanley	N			Patterson, William	A
Huffman, Howard	A	Manley, Frank	N	Paul, Floyd	A
Humes, Clifford	N	Manley, James	A	Paul, George	N
Humphrey, George	M	Manley, Lee	M	Pavelis, Augustus	A
		Matkin, Robert	A	Pepos, Robert	A
Jackson, Clark	A	Mayer, Vernon	A	Porter, Jack	A
Jackson, Donald	A	Meeks, Howard	M	Preuninger, William	N
				Pugh, Fred	A

Ratliff, Jean	A	Seright, Edward	A	Thompson, Harry	A
Retzlaff, John	A	Seright, Orval	A	Thorne, Joseph	N
Reynolds, Donald	N	Sharp, Grant	N	Tope, William	A
Ritland, Theodore	A	Sharp, Louis	N	Towner, George	N
Ritter, Donald	A	† Sharp, Thomas	N	Trenne, Grant	A
Ritter, Lorne	A	Simmons, George	A	Tschache, Ottley	A
Robertson, William	A	Simmons, Harry	A	Uptmor, Merlin	A
Robinson, Francis	N	Slingsby, Jerrold	A	Urton, James	A
Robinson, Fred	N	Small, George	A		
Rody, Kermit	N	Small, May	NC	Vielleux, George	A
Rody, Reginald	A	Small, Sherrill	A	Vinion, Kenneth	A
Romain, Alfred	A	Small, Virgil	A	Vinion, Stanley	N
Romain, Lawrence	A	Smith, Arthur	CB	Vischer, William	A
Rominger, Gordon	A	Smith, Marsden	A		
Rominger, Richard	A	Smith, Stanley R.	A	Walden, Jack	N
Ronning, Alf.	A	Springs, Charles	A	Walker, Charles	M
Ronning, Clarence	A	Stanton, Warren	A	Walker, John	A
† Ronning, Emil	N	Stashi, Theodore	N	Warden, Robert	N
Ronning, Eugene	A	Steinbacher, Clarence	A	Warehime, George	A
Ronning, James	N	Steinbacher, Leonard	A	Waters, James	A
Ronning, Palmer	A	Steinbacher, Robert	A	Watson, John	A
Ross, William	A	Stevens, George	N	Wedar, Alvin	A
Roudebush, Harold	N	Stevens, Mary	NW	Weeks, Joseph	A
Roudebush, Hilton	A	Stevenson, Clarence	A	Weeks, Robert	A
Rowe, George	N	Stranahan, Harold	A	Weeks, Walter	A
Russell, Louis	A	Stovall, Charles	A	Werstler, LeRoy	M
Russell, Robert	A	Stull, Phillip	N	Wharram, Thomas	A
Rust, Donald	A	Sullivan, John	A	White, Edward	N
Rust, Gerald	N	Sweeney, Jerome	A	Whitehorn, Wallace	A
Rust, Wayne	A	Sykes, Clair	A	Whitehorn, Wayne	A
		Sykes, Edgar	A	Wiley, Arnam	M
Savage, Lewis	NT			Wiley, Jerome	M
Schmidt, Charles	N	Tacke, Arnold	N	Wilford, Benton	A
Schmidt, Donald	A	Tacke, Edgar	M	Willson, Clarence	N
Schmidt, Grover	N	Tacke, Walter	A	Willson, Robert	A
Schmidt, Kenneth	A	Tadej, Carl	N	Woods, Vernon	A
Schoonover, Francis	A	Tattam, John	M		
Schoonover, Franklin	A	Tattam, Mark	A	York, Raymond	N
Schoonover, Jess	CB	Taylor, Dale	A	Young, Donald	N
Schoonover, Phil	A	Taylor, Leslie	A	Young, Kenneth	N
Schultz, Edgar	M	Thomas, Roy	M		
Seright, Cecil	A	Thomas, Walter	A	Zimmer, John	A





